

TRANSMITTAL #2

WIOA YOUTH

July 14, 2016

TO: Workforce Development Council

FROM: Rogelio Valdez, Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Governor's Reserve Funds for Youth-in-Need

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of WIOA Youth-in-Need Distribution Formula

BACKGROUND:

Section 129 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act sets aside a specified portion of each State's youth allocation for statewide activities, with a mandatory activity of "providing additional assistance to local areas that have high concentrations of eligible youth to carry out the activities described in the Act". In PY15, a pool of \$100,000 was provided to local areas and distributed under the formula outlined below as adopted by the Council during the 2015 program year:

The State's PY 2015 strategy for providing additional assistance to local areas for Youth-in-Need was as follows:

1. Half of these funds divided among those regions whose poverty rates for youth exceed the state average, based on the most recent data available.
2. The other half shared equally among those regions that expend at least 80% of their PY 2014 fund availability.

Effective July 1, 2016, the state's WIOA Youth program will concentrate 100 percent of its services on Out-of-School youth. Additional outreach and recruitment efforts will be necessary to inform communities and establish additional avenues to reach eligible youth in all regions across the state.

Recruitment efforts will target Out-of-School youth disconnected from both education and workforce participation, particularly those within the four low-income priority groups established by the Council: 1) exiting the foster-care system; 2) involved with the juvenile justice system; 3) pregnant or parenting; and 4) individuals with disabilities. Outreach and recruitment will also align with the Council's guidance that youth enrollments should reflect the incidence of population.

