National Apprenticeship Week
November 8 -14, 2020

National Apprenticeship Week (NAW), now in its sixth year, is a nationwide celebration that gives businesses, communities, and educators the opportunity to showcase their apprenticeship programs and apprentices while providing valuable...

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Join the YARG Community on WorkforceGPS

Whatever your role in developing, expanding or promoting RAPs for youth, this is where you need to be. Grantees and partners can use this virtual platform to collaborate, share knowledge, access program assistance, and discover useful resources from peers.

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FEATURED RESOURCE

OCTOBER TA WEBINAR

"Promising Practices for Program Implementation"
Wednesday, October 28, 3 – 4:00pm EST

The webinar will introduce grantees to best and promising practices that will ensure the successful implementation and sustainability of their apprenticeship programs. Subtopics include program design,
labor market information, sustainability, apprentice recruitment, and employer engagement. Practices, strategies, and tips will be relevant and responsive to the unique needs of service providers, training institutions, employers, and apprentices. Recommended practices will be aligned with Youth Apprenticeship Readiness Grants (YARG’s) Six Core Elements and Success Factors.

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APPRENTICESHIP NEWS

National

- House Committee on Education and Labor advances National Apprenticeship Act of 2020, which would invest more than $3.5 billion and create nearly one million new apprenticeship opportunities over next five years.

- DOL awards nearly $22 million in contract investments to 12 Industry Intermediaries to further Registered Apprenticeship expansion strategies in high-growth industries.

- DOL designates inaugural group of 18 Standards Recognition Entities (SREs) to oversee development of high-quality Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs (IRAPs) and expand apprenticeship opportunities in industries where apprenticeships have been underutilized.

Regional

- Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture encourages PA youth to apply for Agriculture Equipment Service Technician Apprenticeships to learn STEM skills while earning a paycheck and fill job openings being created by the sector’s aging workforce.

GUIDANCE: WORKFORCE INTEGRATED PERFORMANCE SYSTEM (WIPS)

Updated Guidance on Performance Measure Reporting

The Workforce Integrated Performance System (WIPS) is the tool you will use to report your quarterly performance data. WIPS training will be held at the following times in advance of the reporting quarter ending December 31, 2020 (due 2/14/21):

- December 1, 2020 (4-5:00pm EST)
- December 3, 2020 (4-5:00pm EST)
- December 8, 2020 (3-4:00pm EST)
- December 10, 2020 (3-4:00pm EST)
- December 15, 2020 (3-4:00pm EST)

To help get you started, please see the "YARG Initial Reporting Steps" document emailed to YARG grantee staff whose contact information we had as of 9/23/2020. If you did not receive this email please contact us immediately at youthasready.grants@dol.gov, or find the document on the Performance Reporting Page of YARG Community here.

YARG GRANTEEES AT-A-GLANCE
In June of 2020, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) and Office of Apprenticeship awarded $42,296,247 in grants to 14 grantees in 12 states and the District of Columbia for the Youth Apprenticeship Readiness Grants (YARG) program. Individual awards ranged from $1.4 million to $5 million to support apprenticeship programs in advanced manufacturing, coding, construction, healthcare, hospitality, financial, and maritime sectors.

See below for a snapshot of the outstanding organizations working hard to ensure youth nationwide achieve their career goals. For more detailed information on the YARG grantees, visit the YARG Community [here](#).

**ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT**

Total Funding: $4,470,000  
Lead City/State: San Antonio, TX  
Project Title: Youth RAP Readiness Project  
Industry Sector(s): Advanced Manufacturing, Financial Services  
Contact: Linda Rivas, Associate Vice Chancellor of Continuing Education, (210) 685-1887, Lrivas54@alamo.edu

**Total Funding: $1,964,547**  
Lead City/State: Anchorage, AK  
Project Title: Alaska Works Apprenticeships for Youth (A-WAY)  
Industry Sector(s): Construction; Healthcare; Human/Social Services; Maritime  
Contact: Alexis Cowell, Executive Director, (907) 306-5529, alexisc@alaskaworks.org

**Total Funding: $2,499,999**  
Lead City/State: Tampa, FL  
Project Title: AMIkids Youth Apprenticeship Readiness Program  
Industry Sector(s): Construction trades (Carpenter, Mason, Electrician, Plumber, and Pipefitter)  
Contact: Rebecca Corrigan, Director of Educational Services, (813) 887-3300, rcorrigan@amikids.org

**Total Funding: $2,496,233**  
Lead City/State: Reno, NV
**Project Title:** Nevada Alliance for Youth Apprenticeship  
**Industry Sector(s):** Advanced Manufacturing; Construction and Mining; Healthcare; IT  
**Contact:** Karen Olson, NSHE Apprenticeship Navigator, (775) 784-3410, colson@nshe.nevada.edu  
**Total Funding:** $5,000,000  
**Lead City/State:** Denver, CO

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**Project Title:** High School Innovative Apprenticeship Registration Expansion (HIRE) Project  
**Industry Sector(s):** Advanced Manufacturing; Financial Services; IT; Multi-Industry  
**Contact:** Noel Ginsburg, CEO, (303) 579-0145, noel.ginsburg@careerwisecolorado.org  
**Total Funding:** $2,499,999  
**Lead City/State:** Dover, DE

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**Project Title:** Youth Apprenticeship Delaware  
**Industry Sector(s):** Construction; Hospitality; IT  
**Contact:** Alison May, Public Information Officer, (302) 735-4015, Alison.may@doe.k12.de.us  
**Total Funding:** $1,499,628  
**Lead City/State:** Cincinatti, OH

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**Project Title:** ESTS Youth Apprenticeship Readiness Initiative  
**Industry Sector(s):** Construction; Deconstruction  
**Contact:** Fearghal Reid, Grants, Research and Special Projects Lead (614) 373-0531, freid@eastersealsgc.org  
**Total Funding:** $2,490,630  
**Lead City/State:** Boise, ID

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**Project Title:** Idaho LEADER (Learn.Do.Earn) Youth Apprenticeship Partnership  
**Industry Sector(s):** Construction; Educational Services; Healthcare; Hospitality; Professional, Scientific and Technical Services; Retail  
**Contact:** Wendi Secrist, Executive Director, (208) 488-7564, Wendi.secrist@wdc.idaho.gov  
**Total Funding:** $4,881,368  
**Lead City/State:** Lansing, MI

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**Project Title:** Michigan Youth Apprenticeship Readiness Network (MiYARN)  
**Industry Sector(s):** Advanced Manufacturing; Construction; Energy; Healthcare; IT; Mobility  
**Contact:** Stephanie Beckhorn, Director, (517) 241-
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<td>Hospitality (Restaurant; Food Service)</td>
<td>$4,999,478</td>
<td>Washington, DC</td>
<td>John Shortt, Director of Program Development, (443) 783-8393, <a href="mailto:jshortt@nraef.org">jshortt@nraef.org</a></td>
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<td>NWFSC Youth Apprenticeship Readiness Program</td>
<td>Construction; Culinary (Hospitality); Healthcare (Paramedics)</td>
<td>$1,497,320</td>
<td>Niceville, FL</td>
<td>Sam Renfroe, Executive Director of Grant Development, (850) 729-4944, <a href="mailto:renfroes@nwfsc.edu">renfroes@nwfsc.edu</a></td>
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<td>Youth Apprenticeship Readiness Project</td>
<td>Advanced Manufacturing; Construction</td>
<td>$1,499,999</td>
<td>Oklahoma City, OK</td>
<td>Sarah Ashmore, Deputy Director, (405) 212-7687, <a href="mailto:Sarah.ashmore@okcommerce.gov">Sarah.ashmore@okcommerce.gov</a></td>
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<td>South Carolina Youth Apprenticeship Readiness Initiative</td>
<td>Advanced Manufacturing; Automotive; Construction; Healthcare; IT; Transportation and Warehousing</td>
<td>$4,499,999</td>
<td>Columbia, SC</td>
<td>Dr. Amy Firestone, Vice President of Apprenticeship Carolina (803) 722-8709, <a href="mailto:firestonea@sctechsystem.edu">firestonea@sctechsystem.edu</a></td>
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<td>Young Adult Apprenticeships in Manufacturing</td>
<td>Advanced Manufacturing</td>
<td>$1,997,046</td>
<td>Bridgeport, CT</td>
<td>The WorkPlace, (203) 610-8500</td>
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