

CETC Youth Committee Work Plan (FY 2006-07)

Mission of CETC Youth Committee: The CETC Youth Committee exercises policy oversight over the state’s WIA-funded youth services system, as well as over the state’s initiative to create a collaborative, sustainable, and performance-focused system that prepares Connecticut’s most at-risk youth for success in education, in the global demand-driven economy, in their families, and in their communities.

Category	Activities	Responsible Party/Strategy	Implementation Target Date	Product
1. Resource Development	A. Explore strategies designed to leverage state, federal, community, and philanthropic resources to support the CT Youth Work and Learn Model	CETC Youth Committee (DCF, Labor, SDE, DSS, etc.), OWC, Local Youth Councils, UW	06-07	Support for DCF process to replace federal funding for NH Prototype with state dollars
	B. Establish communications relationship with CT Youth Funders’ Collaborative	OWC, DCF, OPM	Begin 2nd quarter 06-07	Present information at Youth Funders’ meetings
	C. Explore possible linkages among juvenile justice strategic planning process, Work & Learn model, WIA, and others (e.g., JCYOI, Ed Achieve)	OWC, JG, DCF, CSSD, SDE, NH Prototype, Juvenile Jurisdiction Cmtee	3rd quarter 06-07	Inclusion in JJ report of content on youth employment
	D. Explore strategies for broader sharing of data and information on outcomes and funding	CETC Youth Committee, OWC, OPM, UW	Ongoing	Info exchange; recomms re both outcome data and funding opportunities
	E. Develop recommendations for state investments to compensate for shift in federal (WIA) funding to older and out-of-school youth, to ensure that vulnerable 14- and 15-year-olds are not left behind	OWC, CETC Youth Committee, Youth Vision Team	Winter 2006-07	Recommendations
2. Collaborative Cross-Agency Initiatives	A. Work with WIB Youth Service Managers and justice-related agencies to explore possibilities for improving services to justice-involved and foster youth	OWC, WIBs, CSSD, DCF, JCYOI	Ongoing	Improved knowledge and communication between WIBs and community agencies
	B. Support and participate in Youth Vision Team’s policy and systems work, and link with Youth Futures Committee	CETC Youth Committee, DOL, OWC, UW, various other agencies	Ongoing	Progress reports by YVT and YFC
	C. Review outcomes from OPP pilot for serving youth with disabilities in the CT Youth Work and Learn model through JCYOI	OPP, DCF, JCYOI Policy Team, OWC, BRS	06-07	Regular progress reports, recommendations on policy, data and service issues that may arise
	D. Work to increase inter-agency collaboration, including local school systems	OWC, Youth Vision Team	Fall 2006 and ongoing	Agreements, other documentation

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3. WIB Capacity Building re Youth Issues	A. Continue ongoing T.A. to WIBs and regional Youth Councils on CT Youth Work and Learn Model	Street Smart Ventures (SSV), JG, OWC	Ongoing	Delivery of T.A.
	B. Launch the CT youth web portal with initial linkages to local WIBs	UW, OWC	Fall 2006	Website up and expanding
	C. With WIBs and Youth Councils, identify at least one project to increase youth participation and voice in WIA Youth Council operations	Local WIA Youth Councils, WIBs, Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative, Youth Vision Team, JG	Fall 2006	Youth participation