

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Services

Partners: Bristol Workforce Investment Board, Bristol County Training Consortium, Bristol Career Centers, SER-Jobs for Progress, Bristol Community College, Attleboro Area School to Career Partnership, Fall River Public Schools, Taunton Area School to Career Partnership

Program Design: WIOA youth programming offers services to eligible out-of-school and in-school youth in the areas of literacy and math, HiSET preparation, job readiness skills, career exploration and employment brokering.

Key elements of the program include:

- Assessment & development of an Individual Service Strategy (ISS) for each youth.
- Career Readiness Training
- Career Exploration Activities
- HiSET preparation
- Referrals to educational partners for advanced training or post-secondary education
- Job search assistance
- Job retention support

Program Delivery: The following services will be offered to youth participants through WIOA funded programs.

1. Tutoring, study skills training, and instruction, leading to completion of secondary school, including dropout prevention strategies
2. Alternative secondary school services, as appropriate
3. Paid and unpaid work experiences which may include; summer employment opportunities that are directly linked to academic and occupational learning; pre-apprenticeship programs; internships and job shadowing; and on-the-job training opportunities
4. Occupational skill training, which shall include priority consideration for training programs that lead to recognized postsecondary credentials that are aligned with in-demand industry sectors or occupation in the local area involved
5. Comprehensive guidance and counseling, which may include drug and alcohol abuse counseling and referral, as appropriate
6. Leadership development opportunities, which may include community service and peer-centered activities encouraging responsibility and other positive social behaviors during non-school hours, as appropriate
7. Supportive services
8. Adult mentoring for the period of participation and a subsequent period, for a total of not less than 12 months
9. Follow-up services for not less than 12 months after the completion of participation, as appropriate
10. Financial literacy education

11. Entrepreneurial skills training
12. Services that provide labor market and employment information about in-demand industry sectors or occupations available in the local area, such as career awareness, career counseling, and career exploration services
13. Activities that help youth prepare for and transition to postsecondary education and training
14. Education offered concurrently with and in the same context as workforce preparation activities and training for a specific occupation or occupational cluster

Roles of Partners:

- **BWIB** – will serve as lead agency. BWIB will be responsible for program monitoring and oversight.
- **BCTC**- will be the fiscal agent for the project
- **Ser-Jobs, BCC, FRPS, AASTC, TASC** – will provide direct services to youth in accordance with WIOA youth element requirements.
- **Career Centers**- oversee intake, eligibility and assessment process