BAY AREA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

2022

WIOA

INDEPENDENT LIVING

TRANSITIONS TO SUCCESS
The Bay Area Workforce Development Board administers several federal programs and local grants that strategically support career pathways for youth and young adults in Northeast Wisconsin. The seamless, coordinated service provision is implemented by our knowledgeable Career Services Specialists in their respective geographic areas. The intent of this guide is to demonstrate the wraparound services that our programming provides and share the positive impact it has made on the young people in our communities.
The Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth/Young Adult Program is funded by the Department of Labor and provides training and employment services for youth/young adults needing additional assistance to succeed in the Northeast Wisconsin workforce.

**SERVICES:**
- Tutoring, Study Skills Training
- Alternative Secondary School Offerings
- Paid/Unpaid Work Experience
- Occupational Skills Training
- Leadership Development
- Supportive Services
- Adult Mentoring
- Follow Up Services
- Comprehensive Guidance/Counseling
- Integrated Education & Training
- Financial Literacy Education
- Entrepreneurial Skills Training
- Labor Market Information
- Post-Secondary Preparation

**OPPORTUNITIES:**
- Further Education in a High Demand Occupation
  - Healthcare
  - IT
  - Construction
  - Manufacturing
  - Logistics/Transportation
- Explore and Build a Career with Growth Potential
- Earn a Sustainable Wage
- Access Financial Assistance to meet goals

**ELIGIBILITY:**
- Possess a barrier that limits employment or education goals
- Desire to be Successful
- Seeking Self-Improvement and Independence

**BENEFITS:**
- One to One Support with Career Services Specialist
- Develop individualized achievable goals
- No Fee

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#179
YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS ENROLLED

### MEDIAN EARNINGS
BY QUARTER

$4,465

79.4% (*74%) Q4 Unsubsidized Employment

### CREDENTIAL ATTAINMENT

(*60%)

The percentage of participants who obtain a recognized postsecondary credential during participation or within one year after exit from the program. Participants who receive a secondary school diploma or equivalent are successful if the participant was also employed or entered postsecondary education within one year after exit.

### MEASURABLE SKILL GAIN

(*32%)

48%

Program participants who, during a program year are; in an education or training program that leads to a recognized postsecondary credential or employment; and achieve documented progress in attaining academic, technical, occupational, or other forms of progress towards that credential or employment.

* Denotes the Wisconsin WIOA Performance
REGION 2
INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM

The John H. Chafee Foster Care for Successful Transition to Adulthood administered through Department of Children and Families - Division of Safety and Permanence, offers assistance to help current and former foster care youth achieve self-sufficiency while transitioning to adulthood.

SERVICES:
- Education - High School, College, Technical Training
- Career Planning
- Employment
- Money Management
- Stable Housing - Proper Maintenance
- Transportation
- Healthy Choices
- Medical Coverage
- Obtaining Important Documents
- Community Resources
- Lifelong Connections
- Healthy Relationships
- Future Goals

BRIGHTER STAR:
- Wisconsin’s Education and Training Voucher Program, formerly DCF Scholarship
- May access funds up to the age of 23 or for five years
- Up to $5,000 a year to assist with College, Career Programs, or Training after High School

ELIGIBILITY:
- Ages out of Court Ordered OHC at 18 or older
- Entered Court Ordered Ch. 48.977 Guardianship after 16th Birthday
- Adopted after 16th Birthday
- To Verify Eligibility: Contact Sarah Klapper

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:
- Ages 14-26, Monthly, Regional Meetings
- Increase Youth Voice in the Foster Care System
- Inspiring change through Education, Advocacy, Support, and Training

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JULY 2021–DECEMBER 2021

90% (**57%, 70%) **IN STABLE HOUSING**

12% (**43%, 30%) experienced homelessness during the reporting period.

#32 Youth obtained housing through connections of the Independent Living Program.

EMPLOYED 80% (**62%, 49%) 

#32 Part Time Jobs
#46 Full Time Jobs

#108 TOTAL YOUTH SERVED

1 IN 4 of eligible Youth enrolled **IN POSTSECONDARY**

(*<3% will graduate Post-Secondary)

#25+ Youth accessing Brighter Star (ETV Funds)
#15+ Active Regional Education Partners

99% (**66%) **INSURED**

#35 Youth Connected to a Mental Health Care Provider
84% Connected to a Health Care Provider
88% Feel a part of their Community
80% Are engaged in planning for their future

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Resources:
https://www.aecf.org
https://www.chapinhall.org/research/
https://www.fosterclub.com/blog/statistics-and-research
TRANSITIONS TO SUCCESS

Transitions to Success (TTS) is a collaboration of agencies that work with foster youth, youth who were formerly in out-of-home placement, and other disengaged youth and young adults. It is funded through a grant from Stand Together Foundation, Inc., a fund of the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation, and a grant from the Basic Needs Giving Partnership of the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation, including U.S. Venture Open Fund for Basic Needs, the J.J. Keller Foundation, and other community donors.

WHAT IT DOES:

- Utilizes a team approach with representatives from all primary collaboration partner agencies
- Addresses barriers and basic needs for youth & young adults
- Establishes common goals around specific areas
- Connects with youth at a younger age (while still in-care or school)

GOAL AREAS:

- Education - High School, Post Secondary Training
- Job Readiness and Employment
- Connections to the Community
- Self-Sufficiency

PRIMARY PARTNERS:

- Bay Area Workforce Development Board
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Brown County Health & Human Services
- CASA of Brown County
- Foundations Health & Wholeness
- Journey to Adult Success (JAS)

IMPROVED RESULTS:

- Coordination
- Cost
- Outcomes
- Relationships

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60% EMPLOYED
- #15 Part Time Jobs
- #8 Full Time Jobs
- 82% working at a sustainable wage

79% IDENTIFIED AND OBTAINED A GOAL

89% REPORT STABLE HOUSING
- 11% (**43%, 30%) experienced homelessness during the reporting period
- 3% (*80%) Involved with the Criminal Justice System at any time

2 IN 5 IN POSTSECONDARY
- 37.5% (<3%) of Participants attained a Diploma, Certificate, or Credential
- 94% of Eligible youth enrolled in High School
- 100% (**77%, 76%) of Eligible Participants obtained a HSD, GED, or HSED

YOUTH ENGAGED #38
- #9 under the age of 18
- #29 over the age of 18
- #15 with a Mentor

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https://www.chapinhall.org/research/
National Center for Youth Law
https://www.fosterclub.com/blog/statistics-and-research
CLIENT TESTIMONIALS:

I have been very pleased; she has helped me through one of the scariest and most uncertain times in my life and has been my biggest cheerleader ever since. I wouldn't be where I am without your help.

They helped me to become who I am today. They taught me how to live independently and to support myself. They helped me overcome and learn from my mistakes. Taught me to be honest to others and even myself and be myself no matter how hard it is when you try to fit in with everyone around you. No matter what I know that I can count on them and the program to be there for me as a support.

This program has been so beneficial for me and my educational needs. If I did not get accepted into this program I would not have had the opportunity to gain a degree or get a career.

This is why I love this job. Thanks to everyone who has a part in this work no matter the level of involvement, it couldn’t be done without everyone working together.

She has helped me tremendously with many things; she is always finding different resources to help with obstacles I have come across.

The help I received through TTS to make my car road legal will literally change my life. It expands my options for work, helps me get one step closer to self-sufficiency.... I can’t thank you enough for your help. I hope that sharing my story will show that this gift will not be wasted, and that a need for this kind of assistance exists. Thank you so much for taking a chance on me, I assure you it will be worth it.

I’ve had nothing but a great experience with WIOA over the last 3 years! Really made a difference in my life and relieved financial stress.