



February 10, 2009  
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. EST  
or conclusion of business  
Youth Opportunities Committee Teleconference  
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## AGENDA

### WORKFORCE FLORIDA YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

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- I. Welcome/ Attendance** Buddy Streit, Chair
- II. Recap of our last meeting** Staff
- A. Youth Opportunities Committee meeting notes from 2/3/09
- III. Information Item/Discussion Items** Committee Discussion
- A. Economic Stimulus Package update: Dehryl McCall
- B. Recap of the USDOL Summer Youth Workgroup call Alice Cobb/Bryan Stone
- C. Questions from the Committee to the COO Workgroup regarding Summer Youth Programs
- D. Discuss proposed funding opportunities for the Youth Opportunities Committee
- IV. Action Item**
- Vote on which initiatives should be funded and their total allocation – See attachment.
- V. Public Comments/Adjourn**

# YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

## Action Item

### PROPOSED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

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In January of 2009 the Youth Opportunities Committee was given a total of 500K to target several vital youth initiatives. On February 10<sup>th</sup>, the Committee will decide which initiatives to fund and their total allocation. Those initiatives are:

1. A piloted “priming the pump” for summer youth programs targeting three key areas of the state in anticipation of the passage of the Economic Stimulus package. These regions would be identified by the Committee based on data supporting the regions’ ability to quickly ramp up and implement an effective summer youth employment program while targeting those youth most in need i.e. DJJ and Foster Care populations as well as focusing on literacy and numeracy grade level gains for those out-of-school youth who are basic skills deficient. Priority will be placed upon those regions who have demonstrated capacity to develop, publish and train other regions on best practices in this area.
2. A demonstration grant targeting those youth involved in DJJ and/or Foster Care with special emphasis on training, literacy and numeracy grade level gains and the development of a transition system to support a transition plan for the engaged or transitioning youth.

**Note:** Florida has negotiated a 29 percent rate on its Federal Literacy and Numeracy Common Measure. Although it was the first year Florida tracked this data, last years data shows that Florida was at 34 percent by years end. This year Florida’s first quarter showed a rate of 39 percent and the second quarter (October – December) shows a sharp decrease down to 20 percent. **Because there have been issues identified with the federal software the above numbers are suspect at this point in time. The Agency for Workforce Innovation is in the process of developing its own data queries to pull the data. Because Florida wishes to exceed our goal of 29%, both of the above initiatives include literacy and numeracy grade level gains.**

An update on which initiatives selected and their total allocation will be provided at the Workforce Readiness and Performance Council on February 18<sup>th</sup>.