

Strengthening Youth Partnership Pilot Project(s): Intervention Programs for Court-Involved Youth RFP
Responses to Questions Received from Interested Respondents
(May 5, 2009)

Question: How do you define foster care for the purpose of the grant “Strengthening Youth Partnership Pilot Project(s): Intervention Programs for Court-Involved Youth (a/k/a dependent & delinquent youth)” and is the grant only for transitional youth 18 and older?

Answer: as long as they are considered a Foster Care youth by the Florida Department of Children & Families i.e. “supervised care for delinquent or neglected children usually in an institution or substitute home” and they meet the WIA age eligibility guidelines i.e. 14-21 then they can be served in this grant.

Question: What is the definition of “court-involved”?

Answer: Court-Involved Youth (a/k/a dependent & delinquent youth) for the purposes of this request for proposal is defined as any youth aged 14-21 who is considered a participant of the Department of Children & Families’ Foster Care system and/or Department of Juvenile Justice System.

Question: Is there a specific number of youth to be served by this grant?

Answer: A specific number has not been established; however, the proposal’s cost per participant will be taken into consideration.

Question: Under the project design section, 6.0.6, regarding full time employment...is full-time employment or enrolled in secondary education/training a MUST as a performance outcome?

Answer: Not for all participants; however, there is an expectation that some participants will have positive outcomes by the end of the grant.

Question: Would providing employability training services fulfill the criteria to assist youth in being placed without them actually obtaining employment?

Answer: This would be considered a service (and encouraged) but would not count as an outcome. Earning industry based training certifications will count towards a deliverable.

Question: If an acceptable agency applies in two different parts of the State, would they be considered for the \$350,000 award?

Answer: Yes, they could be considered for the full 350K.

Question: As we are working through the “Strengthening Youth Partnership Pilot Project(s): Intervention Programs for Court-Involved Youth (a/k/a dependent & delinquent youth)” RFP there seems to be some discrepancy on the mandatory partners and letters of support.

On page 2 of the RFP it states:

It is WFI’s intent that local partnerships be formed for this project between Regional Workforce Boards, state/local agencies that serve the targeted group(s), advocacy groups, faith-based and community-based organizations (FCBOs), Community-Based Care (CBCs), training providers and businesses or business and economic development groups. Organizations submitting a proposal **must** have a letter of support from the CEO of the Regional Workforce Board, CEO of the Community Care based lead agency and DCF Circuit Administrator and Chief Probation Officer within the applicable judicial circuit. Letters from participating educational entities, faith-based partners, prospective employers and/or business partners and other local leaders strengthen the application but are not required for funding.

When you reach Attachment II on page 12 it states:

APPLICATION

‘Strengthening Youth Partnership Pilot Project(s): Intervention Programs for Court-Involved Youth (a/k/a dependent & delinquent youth)

1. Name of Organization:	
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2. Place an ‘X’ by each of the mandatory partners for which a letter is included. NOTE: If a letter is not included for each mandatory partner, the application will be rejected.	a. DJJ residential facility/Foster Care facility	
	b. Probation/community service office or DCF caseworker	
	c. Judicial system officer	
	d. Business/business groups (more than one can be included)	
	e. School district or individual school	

Can you add the CEO of the Workforce Board as d.? Thus deleting the current d & e. Then revise the list and post it so we can complete the application as directed (using your form).

Answer: Yes, great catch and an update to the posted RFP will be made removing d. Business/business groups (more than one can be included) and e. School district or individual school and replacing it with d. Regional Workforce Board Director(s).