# FEDERAL GUIDANCE: Workforce & Education

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Recent federal guidance from the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) and the U.S. Department of Education (ED) reinforces cross-program planning, alignment, and collaboration across the workforce system.

| Advisory | Subject | Description | Issue Date |
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| OCTAE Program Memorandum 26-6<br><br>RSA FAQ 26-01<br><br>TEN 03-26 | WIOA Core Program Performance Accountability Assessment for PY 2025 | Joint USDOL and ED guidance describes the PY 2025 assessment process for the WIOA core programs, including performance success and failure determinations and related accountability requirements. | August 21, 2026 |
| TEGL 04-26 | Using WIOA Governor's Reserve Funds to Advance Workforce Development Priorities | Clarifies how states may use WIOA Governor's Reserve funds for advancing critical workforce development priorities. | August 25, 2026 |
| TEN 04-26 | Promoting High-Quality Industry-Recognized Credentials | Explains how workforce and education systems can identify and promote high-quality industry-recognized credentials aligned with employer demand. | August 27, 2026 |
| TEN 05-26 | Framework for Effective Pre-Apprenticeships | Provides a framework for effective pre-apprenticeship programs, reinforces their connection to Registered Apprenticeship, and clarifies how pre-apprenticeship can be delivered through federally funded workforce and education programs. Replaces TEN 23-23. | September 8, 2026 |

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| **RSA DCL 26-04** | Pre-Employment Transition Services | Clarifies that pre-employment transition services must be provided in the most integrated settings possible, comply with Rehabilitation Act fiscal requirements, and be customized to each student with a disability. | September 8, 2026 |
| **RSA DCL 27-01** | Revised Case Service Report (RSA-911) | Transmits the revised RSA-911 and reporting instructions for the VR and Supported Employment programs. The new version takes effect July 1, 2027, for PY 2027 and reduces the report from 316 to 254 data elements. | October 8, 2026 |