

**January 2018**

We hope that you had a wonderful and warm (thanks for nothing, bomb cyclone!) holiday season with family and friends. It was a busy last month of the year for the WorkforceGPS Team, and we want to update you on some of the site's latest additions, share with you some of our successes in 2017, and spotlight one of our communities of practice.

## **WorkforceGPS Welcomes Three New Communities & Collections**

In December, we added three new Communities of Practice and Collections to our site: [Performance Reporting](#) (Collection), [H-1B America's Promise](#) (Community of Practice), and [Customer Centered Design](#) (Community of Practice). Get your click on and familiarize yourself with them today!

## **WorkforceGPS in 2017: A Year in Review**

Check out the graphic below for some of last year's WorkforceGPS highlights and be sure to check out 2017's top five content items below:

### **Top 5 Resources from 2017**

#1. [Our Journey Together: The WIOA Youth Program Technical Assistance \(TA\) Series Kick-off](#): **13,429 Views**

#2. [WIOA Youth Eligibility Live Question and Answer Session](#): **11,938 Views**

#3. [WIOA Youth Performance Accountability](#): **11,412 Views**

#4. [Region 1 Case Counselor Training: Four Indicators of Effective Service Delivery](#): 11,096 Views

#5. [WIOA Wednesday: WIOA Performance Accountability—Hot Topics!](#): 10,334 Views

## **Community of Practice Spotlight: Strengthening Working Families Initiative (SWFI)**

The WorkforceGPS Team would like to make sure you have met SWIFI—an on-line community designed to provide grantees with one central place to find resources to successfully implement their SWFI grants, ensuring that participants receive comprehensive job training, child care, and other support services which move them into and along H-1B aligned career pathways. The SWFI CoP allows grantees to access an array of tools and resources, share information about their programs, and engage in discussions with other grantees. To visit this CoP, click [here](#).

## **Featured Content**

- [Business Services Training General](#): As the economic driver of the 21st century, small businesses and the organizations that serve them are critical partners to the workforce development system. This resource is designed to assist your local area in building strong partnerships with small business-serving organizations in your community, such as the Chamber of Commerce, business incubators, and Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs).
- [The Role of Community Colleges in Registered Apprenticeship](#): Community colleges often play a critical role in Registered Apprenticeship programs. They can develop the curriculum and provide the classroom instruction portion of an apprenticeship. They can provide college credits leading toward, or even completion of, an associate degree.

- [Reengaging Opportunity Youth to Improve Life Outcomes](#): Over the last decade, decision makers have given greater attention to young adults who are neither working nor in school, as these young people face many challenges during the transition into adulthood. Various projects have been created across the nation to find ways to successfully reengage these youth in the labor market. These reports take a closer look at building career paths for youth to not only improve their life outcomes, but also to help meet America's workforce needs.

## Recent Events

- [The Senior Community Service Employment Program \(SCSEP\) Interim Final Rule \(IFR\)](#): January 10, 2018
- [Our Journey Together TA Series: The Power of Relationships- Workplace Mentoring with Youth](#): January 09, 2018

**Thank You!**

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