

October 2017 Newsletter

Happy October!

This month's newsletter is packed with some exciting news—the launch of a new WorkforceGPS feature, an upcoming WIOA youth technical assistance (TA) event series, and some promising practices concerning apprenticeship.

WorkforceGPS Is Taking Your Relationship to the Next Level; Chat (Beta Version) Now Available!

We know you've been in love with [WorkforceGPS](#) for a while now, and things are getting pretty serious. That's why we're taking things to the next level and introducing you to [Chat](#).

What is it?

WorkforceGPS Chat (Beta Version) is our new peer-to-peer connection feature, allowing instantaneous communication (emojis included) between WorkforceGPS members who are online .

Things to Know:

- WorkforceGPS members can now see who's online and available for chat in the [Member Directory](#).
 - Chat allows instantaneous communication across all devices for up to 5 people.
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- Communities of Practice and Collections can organize live scheduled chats (think instant messaging meets discussion boards) for up to 100 members.

How does it work?

- You need to be [a registered member of WorkforceGPS](#) with a public profile, which opts you into the Member Directory.
- Log in to the [Member Directory](#) to see who is currently online.
- Our [new tutorial](#) has the rest covered.

If you experience any trouble using the new feature, please take advantage of our [Help page](#).

We encourage you to check out our new feature and continue connecting to your peers as you navigate to success!

Youth Services Team to Hold WIOA TA Series

Next week, on October 24th and 25th, the Youth Services Team within the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) will host a series of webinars entitled, "[Our Journey Together: The WIOA Youth Program Technical Assistance \(TA\) Series](#)." These four events will support the workforce system in their programming efforts to improve outcomes for youth. You can access more information about the series and sign up to attend the kick-off [here](#), as well as find links to register for the other three events. Please make sure to register for all four events!

New Resource: Promising Practices in Expanding Apprenticeship

The WorkforceGPS Team knows that workforce, education, business, and other partners are looking to [apprenticeship](#) as a proven talent development strategy that allows workers to earn while they learn and companies to grow a pipeline of skilled workers. In 2016, the U.S. Department of Labor provided grants to support 37 states in this work. States are using grant funds to deepen business engagement, build and diversify the pipeline of apprentices, and integrate apprenticeship into workforce development, economic development, and educational systems. Learn about innovations in each of these areas in these just released [apprenticeship promising practices](#).

Stay talkative!

Featured Content

- [WIOA Desk Reference - Priority Populations for the WIOA Adult Program](#): This desk reference is for state and local boards and staff and provides information on serving priority populations using WIOA Adult funds - recipients of public assistance, low-income individuals, individuals who are basic skills deficient, and veterans.
 - [Work-Based Learning Policy: 50-State Scan](#): Profiles each state's work-based learning policies in a state-by-state format that policymakers, researchers, and practitioners can reference at a glance and reports on the extent to which work-based learning policies have been implemented across the country.
 - [Youth Resource Connections Newsletter](#): The Youth Resource Connections Newsletter is a monthly bulletin from the Employment and Training Administration that provides information, resources, and tools to workforce professionals who work every day to impact the lives of youth and young adults. Each newsletter provides access to the latest research on innovative youth service strategies
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as well as guidance, funding opportunities, upcoming events and a featured success story from a local youth program.

Upcoming Events

- October 24, 2017: [Our Journey Together: The WIOA Youth Program Technical Assistance \(TA\) Series Kick-off](#)
- October 24, 2017: [WIOA Youth Eligibility Live Question and Answer Session](#)
- October 25, 2017: [Coming Together at the Table-The Power of Youth Committees to Convene, Coordinate and Collectively](#)
- October 25, 2017: [WIOA Youth Performance Accountability](#)
- November 08, 2017: [WIOA Wednesday-Effectiveness in Serving Employers-Another Look](#)

Recent Events

- [Using Storytelling to Share Your Program Successes](#): October 05, 2017
 - [Building Evidence: The America's Promise Job-Driven Grant Program Evaluation](#): September 28, 2017
 - [Best Practices for Adopting or Implementing Updated EEO Regulations](#): September 25, 2017
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