



# WIOA *Blueprint*



## WIOA Blueprint Kick-Off Feb 6, 2015 Webinar Chat

✓ ***Will you provide the Webinar Power Point presentations in advance of the webinars?***

Thank you for this suggestion. We are exploring the feasibility of making the PowerPoints available prior to the start of the webinars. However, the full, recorded webinar with the PowerPoint presentations are also being made available on the WIOA Blueprint website; <http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/wioa/> Please click on the Webinar tab and choose Completed Webinars to access them.

✓ ***Are you offering Certificates of Participation and CEU's for the webinar(s)?***

This is not something we are considering at this time. If this changes, information will be posted on the WIOA website.

✓ ***Can webinar participants contact the WG Leaders to offer their participation?***

Thank you for your interest in WIOA implementation. For more information about the opportunities and challenges under discussion by the Work Group Teams, please send an email to: [WIOABlueprint@dol.state.nj.us](mailto:WIOABlueprint@dol.state.nj.us). You can also attend the WIOA Blueprint Conference. For more information, please visit: <http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/wioa/>

✓ ***Are there WIOA grant opportunities available?***

While there are currently no WIOA-specific grant opportunities, we anticipate grant opportunities may be developed as part of this process. Many of the industry-driven, workforce innovations already underway, such as the Opportunity4Jersey and Skills4Jersey grant programs, were developed to align resources with industry-identified needs.

✓ ***Is employer representation for WIOA a requirement; and if so, will employers be sanctioned, as adult education providers will be under WIOA?***

WIO Sec. 122 states that providers of On-the-Job-Training, customized training etc. are not subject to the same requirements as other providers. Local Areas are required to collect performance information from such providers to determine if they meet performance criteria established by the Governor. Providers that meet the criteria shall be identified as eligible providers.

✓ ***Is anyone from the Centers for Independent Living (CIL) on any of the Work Groups listed?***

The Centers for Independent Living (CIL) are valuable stakeholders. While the Work Groups do not include a CIL representative, we look forward to receiving their input throughout this process. All stakeholders are encouraged to reach out to the Work Groups to express their interest in this process by emailing: [WIOABlueprint@dol.state.nj.us](mailto:WIOABlueprint@dol.state.nj.us). Another avenue for participation will be the WIOA Blueprint Conference and Pre-Conference Working Session (March 31-April 1, 2015).



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## WIOA Blueprint Kick-Off Chat Continued

- ✓ ***A participant emphasized the need for more Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) based training and apprenticeship opportunities.***

WIOA emphasizes experiential training such as apprenticeships, and LWD will provide guidance and technical assistance regarding incorporating these programs into the workforce system. Also, WIOA Sec. 101 requires representation from joint labor-management apprenticeship programs on the local boards. We anticipate that as a result, STEM training will be a part of those in discussions moving forward.

- ✓ ***Is the Division of Family Development (DFD) involved in the process?***

While the Division of Family Development is not a formal member of a WIOA Work Group, we value their input in this process and encourage anyone who has an interest in this process to contact us using the WIOA website email: [WIOABlueprint@dol.state.nj.us](mailto:WIOABlueprint@dol.state.nj.us) and through participation in the upcoming WIOA Blueprint Conference.

- ✓ ***Is transportation being discussed since this is an important concern for rural areas?***

Yes, transportation concerns are being explored. WIOA Sec. 108 requires both Regional and Local Plans to describe the coordination of transportation and other supportive services. Also, a provision that is new to WIOA states when determining if an individual requires assistance, a One-Stop operator or partner will consider the full cost of participation in training, including costs of transposition. [WIOA Sec. 134 (c)(3)(B)(iii)]