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TO: All WIOA Service Providers

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SUBJECT: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Governor's Reserve Funds for Youth-in-Need

Section 129 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act sets aside a specified portion of each State's youth allocation for statewide activities, with a mandatory activity of "providing additional assistance to local areas that have high concentrations of eligible youth to carry out the activities described in the Act".

Effective July 1, 2016, the state's WIOA Youth program will concentrate 100 percent of its services on Out-of-School youth. Additional outreach and recruitment efforts will be necessary to inform communities and establish additional avenues to reach eligible youth in all regions across the state. Recruitment efforts will target Out-of-School youth disconnected from both education and workforce participation, particularly those within the four low-income priority groups established by the Council:

- Exiting the foster-care system;
- Involved with the juvenile justice system;
- Pregnant or parenting; and
- Individuals with disabilities. Outreach and recruitment will also align with the Council's guidance that youth enrollments should reflect the incidence of population.

To ensure that recruitment resources are available, the state Workforce Development Council a total of \$120,000 to be allocated equally among the state's six service delivery areas. These funds will provide the regions an equal share of resources to bolster outreach and recruitment of the hard to serve Out-of-School youth and assist the service providers in meeting their expected outcomes.

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