

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

CALIFORNIA

CLIFFORD W. GRAVES
GENERAL MANAGER

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT

1200 WEST SEVENTH STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90017



ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA
MAYOR

DATE: March 14, 2006

TO: LA's Workforce Development System

FROM: Manny Chavez, Director
Workforce Development Division

SUBJECT: **INFORMATION BULLETIN NO: 06-32**
YOUTH OPPORTUNITY INTENSIVE TRANSITION (YOIT) AND
YOIT STAFF

EFFECTIVE DATE

This bulletin is effective upon date of issue

PURPOSE

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform the Workforce Development System Contractors of the **Youth Opportunity Intensive Transition (YOIT)** and the function of YOIT staff. YOIT contributes to the 1-Out-of-5 Initiative by referring probation youth who are out of school and unemployed to the Workforce Development System.

YOIT staff has obtained and will maintain extensive knowledge and experience with the County of Los Angeles Probation Department, and will assist WorkSource and OneSource agencies to create or sustain relationships with Probation via presentations, training, reporting, and meetings. YOIT will assist with grant applications for future and current funding with Probation and can assist with the placement of Probation interns. YOIT will provide an in-house training to enhance and integrate services for court involved youth.

BACKGROUND

Juvenile justice studies show a significant percentage of probation youth living in Los Angeles: Over 57% of the estimated 5000 juveniles released from Probation camp are City residents. Since July 1, 2001, Probation has referred approximately 800 youth via YOIT to CDD's WorkSource and OneSource system. Youth and Probation officers aware of WorkSource and OneSource services increase client phone calls and walk-ins, but YOIT was designed to enhance communication and reporting abilities by the usage of YOIT ISIS, linking Probation Officers (P.O.'s) to our electronic system to both refer and monitor youth.

Additionally in 2002, WIA funding was used to create a case management model, under YOIT, to demonstrate that WIA and probation outcomes can be achieved congruently when serving this population. The YOIT case management model showed a reduction in incarcerations, violations, suspensions and expulsions, and an increase in successful completion of probation, school, restitution, community service, and WIA goals. Specifically, 92% of the youth enrolled were not re-arrested on new charges. Youth on probation are ideal candidates for the WorkSource and OneSource system because they are originally mandated to participate by the court, long enough for them to recognize the benefit of our services. This program model is now referred to as YOM IT and still serves 100% court involved youth.

For 2005 – 2006, YOIT is including probation referrals from School-Based Probation Officers to link youth on informal probation, hopefully preventing the need for incarceration.

YOIT AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM GOALS

The WorkSource and OneSource agencies are a part of YOIT and the Memorandum of Understanding with probation. Our goals are to:

- Maintain referrals between Probation Department, WorkSource and OneSource agencies for City of Los Angeles youth, which will lead to increased enrollment, goal attainment, and long-term employment of Probation youth
- Train and certify a minimum of one staff per agency as “Intensive Transition Specialists”
- Inform Probation of WorkSource and OneSource agencies and provide training on the use of YOIT ISIS
- Coordinate relationships with Probation via YOIT as one integrated system

CONTACT

If you have any questions regarding this Information Bulletin, please call Roberta Villa, at (213) 744-7116, or e-mail her at rmvilla@cdd.lacity.org.

MC:LS:rv