



Changing Priorities in Youth Services

Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act

WIOA

Regional Partners and Managers Training

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Presenter Information

o Val Bonney



- o Val Bonney is the Training Director with IowaWORKS in Northwest Iowa. Val has been addressing employment and training needs for the past 32 years through various capacities with federal employment and training programs. Val is currently the Workforce Investment Act Director for Region 3-4 in Northwest Iowa. Val has a passion for youth services and has maintained a youth service caseload throughout her 32 years.
- o Val also serves as the Career and Technical Program Coordinator for eight school districts within northwest Iowa. As part of this coordination, she oversees a summer work experience program for youth in Northwest Iowa.

o Kristi Judkins



- o Kristi has “grown up” in the agency now known as Iowa Workforce Development. Her adaptability, flexibility and commitment to public service took her on a climb from temporary worker at a small south DSM office to her current role as Youth Development and Federal Bonding Program Coordinator. Her primary passion is building and establishing relationships for positive, long-term impact. It is important to her that all customers, internal and external alike, receive quality services and access to information and resources which help them succeed.
- o Kristi returned to college in 2009 as a non-traditional student while working full time and traveling the state to expand Access Points. It wore her out but because of fierce determination she was able to accelerate her education and finish college in two years, graduating with honors! She obtained Associates and Bachelor’s degrees in Business Administration from Kaplan University.

WIOA Emphasis

o Youth Development spans 14 – 24

o Back packs

o Filled for them

o They re-organize

o In stages

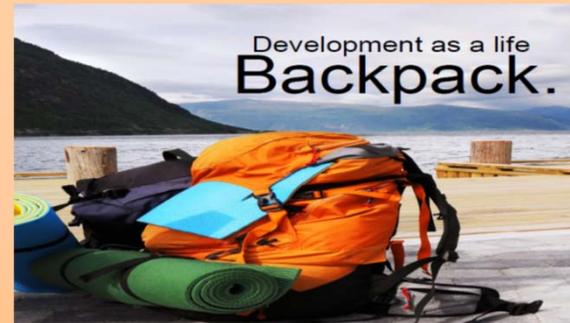
o Decision-making

o 10 – 14

o 15 – 18

o 19 - 24

o Activity



WIOA Emphasis

- o GradNation – America’s Promise



- o Graduation Challenge Facts

- o National high school graduation rate is continuing its decade-long rise and has now reached 81 percent, and the country is on track to reach the goal of a 90 percent on-time graduation rate by the Class of 2020. However, too many students are still leaving high school without obtaining a diploma, severely diminishing their chances for a piece of the American dream and resulting in a lost opportunity for our economy and communities.



- o Don't Call Them Drop Outs

- o <https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=102&v=CAVvQ12AdLM>

WIOA

- o Broader youth vision, integrated service delivery and framework to leverage other resources to support youth
- o New with WIOA
 - o In School Youth (ISY) and Out of School Youth (OSY) distinction
 - o ISY: 14 – 21, low-income plus barrier
 - o OSY: 16 – 24, not attending school and barrier
 - o Increased spending directed toward OSY
 - o Career Pathways as a part of Individual Service Strategy (ISS)
 - o New program elements
 - o Co-enrollments and collaborations
 - o Youth Councils now standing committees of the local board
 - o Local board member must chair committee
 - o Focus on work-based learning
 - o Connection to One-Stops



State Level Implications

- o NPRM → Regulations → waiting and waiting!
- o Policy and handbook re-writes
- o Technical assistance
- o Training
 - o Staff
 - o Community and partners
- o Expanding state partnerships and supporting innovation
 - o Foster Care, Juvenile Justice and iJAG
- o Routine conference calls w/DOL
- o Youth Roundtables (peer-to-peer networking and learning)
 - o Federal
 - o State



Local Level Implications

- o History of youth services in Region 3-4
 - o Strong partnership with already required K-12 and Post Secondary Education and Vocational Rehabilitation
- o Strategies to increase services to OSY
 - o Commitment to ISY while expanding our out-of-school involvement
 - o Conversations and communication with our school districts about the changes.
 - o Promise Jobs/TANF
 - o Caseloads of youth between the ages of 16 and 24
 - o Independent Living Aftercare/Foster Care
 - o Juvenile Justice System.
 - o Good connection with in-school youth in the juvenile justice system, but need to expand that to do more enrollments of out-of-school youth

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<http://nnsahc.org/images/uploads/AdolDevelStages2013.pdf>

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