

“If we’re going to create the best business climate to create higher paying jobs and retain our young people, we’re going to have to build a workforce prepared for the opportunities of the future.”

-John Hoeven

## Workforce Newsletter

WIOA Title I Youth Programs provide assessments, the development of service strategies, and supportive services to help youth identify career pathways that will help them achieve their education and employment.

Youth may be eligible to be enrolled in the WIOA Title I Youth Programs if they are between the ages of 16 and 24 who are out of school, authorized to work in the U.S., have barriers to employment or education

Eligible youth may receive services that include, but are not limited to the following elements:

- Work Experience
  - Occupational Skills Training
  - On-The-Job Training (OJT)
  - Summer Employment Opportunities
  - Work Experience Placement
  - Pre-Apprenticeship Opportunities
- Occupational Skills Training
- High-school Equivalency Education Assistance
- Tutoring and Basic Skills Education
- Leadership Development Opportunities
- Financial Literacy
- Career Counseling and Exploration Services
- Post-Secondary Education Preparation
- Entrepreneurial Skills Training
- Supportive Services
  - Transportation Assistance
  - Payment of credentialing/licensing fees

- Childcare assistance
- Books and training materials
- Required uniforms and other work-related expenses

Youth participants can also receive guidance, counseling, and follow-up services for at least one year.

Youth that are enrolled in Work Experience programs will receive work readiness training and technical skills that help make them competitive and marketable in the job market. Work Experience can include placement with a local employer to learn valuable on-the-job skills and work habits.

[Please click here to listen to Kanysha’s SkillSource Youth Services success story.](#)



For more information regarding the WIOA Title I Youth Program, or to find a Virginia Career Works Center near you, please visit our [website](#) or contact one of our Youth Services providers:

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We have exciting news to share with you. The Commonwealth is launching a new grant program for small businesses and nonprofits called Rebuild VA. The program will provide grants of up to three times the applicant's average monthly eligible expenses up to a maximum award of \$10,000. The application will become available on August 10, 2020.

These grants are aimed at assisting small businesses and nonprofits that have faced economic distress as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible entities include those in the following industry sectors: restaurant and beverage service, non-essential retail, exercise and fitness, personal care and personal grooming, entertainment and public amusement, private campgrounds, and overnight summer camps.

This statewide program is capitalized with \$70 million, which means we will be able to assist approximately 7,000 businesses. Half of the proceeds will be directed toward small businesses and nonprofits located in economically disadvantaged areas, including ensuring adequate representation of women-owned and minority-owned businesses.

More details about the program, including eligibility criteria, may be found in the attached flyer or by visiting

<https://www.governor.virginia.gov/rebuildva/>

**[Click Here to See a List of Available Services & Contact Information](#)**



## ***Information Related to COVID-19***

If you have lost employment and seek to apply for Unemployment Compensation, please click on this link to apply online at the [Virginia Employment Commission website](#) or call the VEC Customer Contact Center by calling 1-866-832-2363, Monday through Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm.

[Pandemic Unemployment Assistance \(PUA\) and Unemployment Insurance \(UI\) provided for under the CARES Act](#)

[Tutorial Video – “How to File an Unemployment Claim on the Virginia Workforce Connection website”](#)

The Workforce Board staff continues to monitor the situation; any updates will be posted to the [BCWDB website](#) and the [Bay Consortium Workforce Development Board Facebook page](#). At this time, prevention, social separation and preparation are the best courses of action, and the BCWDB encourages all customers, staff, and community members to follow the CDC recommended hygiene and social distancing practices.

[COVID-19 Related Links Compiled 6-11-2020 Virginia Department of Social Services COVID-19 Resources](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions From Workers Regarding COVID-19](#)

[Las Preguntas Mas Frecuentes Para Los Empleados Sobre COVID-19](#)

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