



PIEDMONT REGION

<b>Title:</b>	Youth Program Allocation	<b>Policy #:</b>	19
<b>Effective Date:</b>	July 1, 2017	<b>Revision Date:</b>	January 17, 2019

**Purpose:**

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires that a minimum of 75% of expenditure in the youth program be allocated to Out-of-School Youth (OSY) participants. Further, the 75 percent expenditure rate is a minimum requirement; therefore, local areas may spend up to 100 percent of their local area youth funds on OSY if they choose.

**Policy:**

Virginia Career Works – Piedmont Region (VCW – Piedmont) will work towards allocating up to 100% of Youth Program funds to OSY participants. Should a proposal for funding of a special project that includes In-School Youth (ISY) participants, the Piedmont Workforce Development Board (PWDB) will consider reallocating an amount for that project not to exceed 25% of the total Youth Program expenditures.

Funding for current ISY participants will be allocated to continue providing services to those enrollees through FY2019. No new ISY participants will be enrolled following July 1, 2017, unless they are part of a special project that has received approval from the PWDB.

Under WIOA, an out-of-school youth is an individual who is:

- (a) Not attending any school (as defined under State law);
- (b) Not younger than 16 or older than age 24 at time of enrollment. Because age eligibility is based on age at enrollment, participants may continue to receive services beyond the age of 24 once they are enrolled in the program; and
- (c) One or more of the following:
  - (1) A school dropout;
  - (2) A youth who is within the age of compulsory school attendance, but has not attended school for at least the most recent complete school year calendar quarter. School year calendar quarter is based on how a local school district defines its school year quarters;
  - (3) A recipient of a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent who is a low-income individual and is either basic skills deficient or an English language learner;
  - (4) An individual who is subject to the juvenile or adult justice system;
  - (5) A homeless individual, a runaway, an individual who is in foster care or has aged out of the foster care system, a child eligible for assistance under section 477 of the Social Security Act, or an individual who is in an out-of-home placement;
  - (6) An individual who is pregnant or parenting;
  - (7) An individual with a disability;

(8) A low-income individual who requires additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment. (WIOA sections 3(46) and 129(a)(1)(B).)