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**Updates and Partnering Opportunities**  
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# Presenters

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# Agenda

1. Welcoming remarks
2. FYI overview and funding opportunities
3. FYI program logistics
4. Child welfare
5. WIOA youth
6. Q&A



# Welcoming Remarks



Danielle Bastarache  
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# What is FYI?

- Program funded by HUD that allows for Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) that partner with a public child welfare agency (PCWA) to request targeted Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) to serve eligible youth with a history of child welfare involvement that are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- Rental assistance and supportive services are provided for up to 36 months.





# Purpose of FYI

- Increase housing options for youth with a current or prior history of child welfare involvement that are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- Contribute to the federal goal of preventing and ending youth homelessness.
- Set youth on a path to self-sufficiency.



# Funding Opportunities

## Non-Competitive

- Notice PIH 2020-28, published October 6, 2020.
- Makes available up to \$10 million.
  - Requests accepted on a rolling basis.
  - Will be updated to include an additional \$10 million.

## Competitive

- FYI Competitive NOFA, published January 19, 2021.
- Makes available \$20 million.
  - Closing date of March 22, 2021 at 11:59:59 pm Eastern Standard time.





# How to Decide?

- Determine estimated community need for the next 12 months.
  - If the community estimated need is less than 50 youth, consider pursuing FYI through Notice PIH 2020-28.
  - If the community estimated need may approach or exceed 50 youth, pursue FYI Competitive NOFA.
- PHAs may pursue both non-competitive and competitive FYI opportunities.
  - For communities with greater need, consider FYI Competitive NOFA first. Request additional vouchers as needed through Notice 2020-28.



# What about FYI TPVs?

- FYI assistance was first made available through Notice PIH 2019-20 as FYI Tenant Protection Vouchers (TPVs).
- HUD is no longer accepting requests under old notice.
- Requirements of old notice continue to apply, including sunseting of the assistance for awarded vouchers.
  - If a young person doesn't use the voucher, or the young person leaves the program, the voucher is no longer available to serve another young person.
- No new actions required by PHA to continue to administer existing FYI TPVs.





# General Eligibility Requirements

- All PHAs with an ACC for HCVs.
- Partnership with a public child welfare agency (PCWA).
  - Other partnerships are strongly encouraged (State, local, philanthropic, faith-based organization, and Continuum of Care (CoC)).
- Review Notice PIH 2020-28 and FYI Competitive NOFA for specific eligibility requirements.



# Youth Eligibility

A young person eligible to receive an FYI voucher must meet **ALL** of the following requirements:

1. Has attained at least 18 years and not more than 24 years of age.
2. Left foster care, or will leave foster care within 90 days, in accordance with a transition plan described in section 475(5)(H) of the Social Security Act; and
3. Is homeless or is at risk of becoming homeless at age 16 or older.

A young person who meets the above requirements and is pregnant and parenting is also eligible.

- How can the youth meet #1 and #3 at the same time?
  - If the youth meets eligibility under 1, 2, and is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, they would qualify.
- A request for assistance may be submitted on behalf of a youth who will leave foster care within 90 days.
- The above requirements are in addition to meeting all other HCV program requirements.





# Partnership Agreement

- PHA's must enter into a partnership agreement with a PCWA.
- HUD strongly encourages involvement of state, local, philanthropic, faith-based organizations, and the CoC, or a CoC recipient it designates.
- Partnership agreement may be in the form of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or letters of intent between the parties for FYI under Notice PIH 2020-28.
- Partnership agreement must be in the form of an MOU under FYI Competitive NOFA.



# PCWA Roles and Responsibilities

- Identify FYI-eligible youth.
- Develop a system of prioritization based on the level of need of the youth and the appropriateness of the intervention.
- Provide a written certification to the PHA that youth is eligible.
- Provide or secure supportive services for 36 months.

Supportive services may be provided by PHA, PCWA, or third-party.





# Support Services

- Must be provided for 36 months.
- Participation is optional, but strongly encouraged.
  - Basic life skills training
  - Housing counseling
  - Landlord support services
  - Employment and training
  - Education and career advancement services



# Required Elements (Previously Identified)

- Definition of FYI eligible youth
- List of support services to be provided
- Description of required PHA, PCWA, & (if applicable) other partner responsibilities

**Full list of required elements are outlined in Notice PIH 2020-28 and FYI Competitive NOFA**



# Application Process

Non-competitive Notice PIH 2020-28	FYI Competitive NOFA
Application requirements explained in <b>Application Process</b> Section of notice.	Application and submission information included in Section IV of NOFA.
Submission via email to <a href="mailto:FYI@hud.gov">FYI@hud.gov</a> .	Submission via Grants.gov.
FYI webpage includes sample request for assistance.	NOFA includes sample MOU and Rating Factor Certification
Requests received on rolling basis.	Submission by March 22, 2021 at 11:59:59.



# Maximum Number of Vouchers

Non-competitive Notice PIH 2020-28	FYI Competitive NOFA
25 vouchers in a fiscal year, with ability to request additional vouchers with 90 percent or greater utilization (up to 50 in the fiscal year).	Dependent on PHA voucher program size and need.

FYI Competitive NOFA			
PHA voucher program size	Maximum voucher award under NOFA		
Fewer than 500 HCVs	25 vouchers	or	Identified need, if lower than indicated cap
500 - 1,999 HCVs	50 vouchers		
2,000 – or more HCVs	75 vouchers		



# Waiting List

- Like regular FUP vouchers and Mainstream, PHA must utilize HCV waiting list.
- Upon receipt of a referral, PHA compares name(s) of youth already on PHA's HCV waiting list.
- If not on waiting list, must be added.
- Must be assisted in order of position on waiting list according to PHA admission policies.
- PHA may reopen waiting list just for FYI.





# Additional Program Administration Requirements

- Upon failure of a youth to use a FYI voucher, or if a youth leaves the program, the PHA must continue to make the assistance available to eligible youth.
- **HUD has authority to recapture and reallocate unutilized assistance.**
- Maximum assistance for a youth is 36 months.
- Assistance may be project-based.







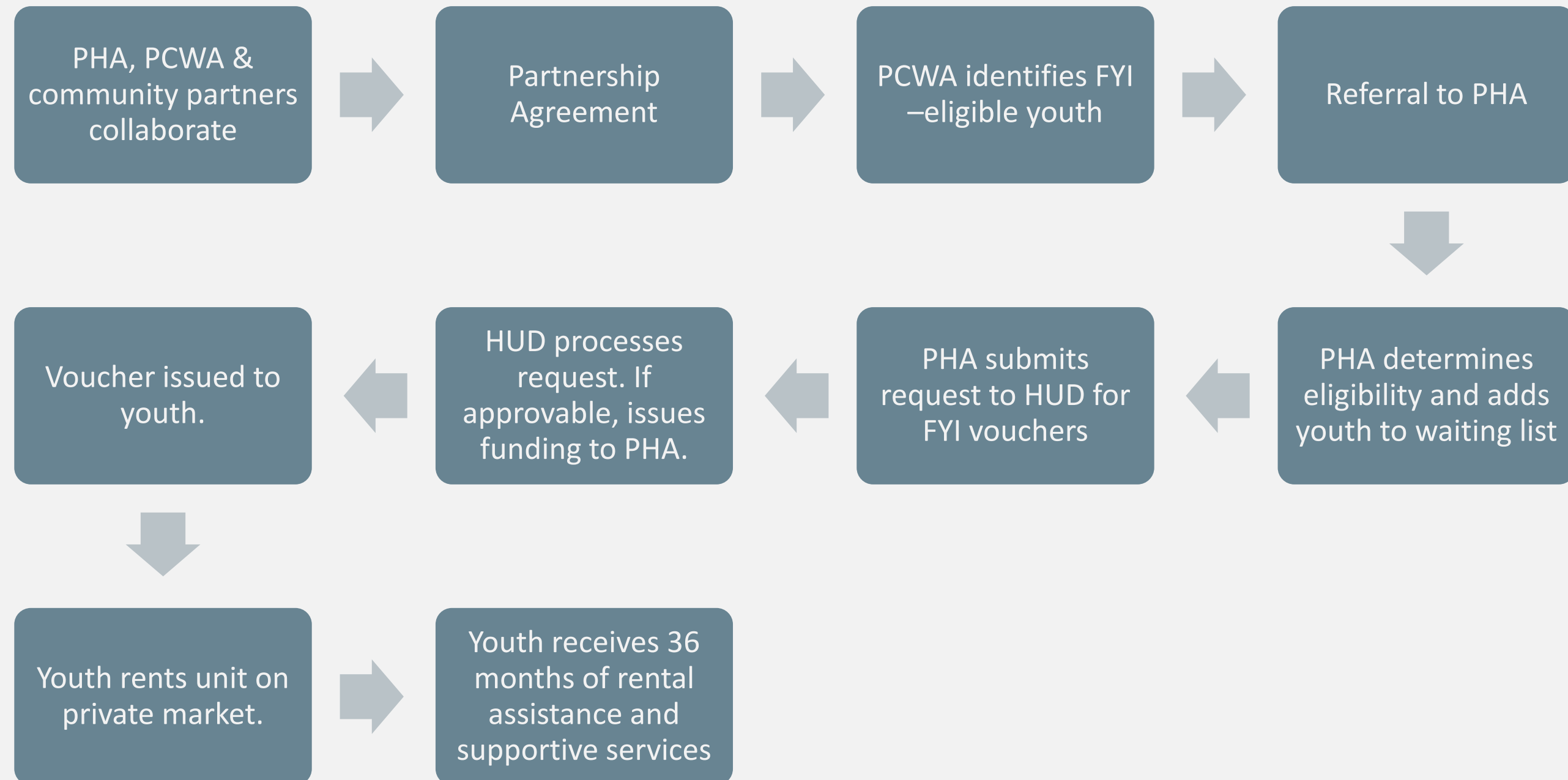
# CARES Act Waivers and Alternative Requirements

- [Notice PIH 2020-33](#) includes several waivers and alternative requirements that may be helpful to PHAs looking to start an FYI program during the pandemic.
- **PH and HCV-7** provides alternative requirement for opening waiting list. *HUD is waiving this requirement and provides an alternative to communicate limited opening of the waiting list for FYI.*
- **HCV-3** provides a waiver of the extension of voucher search term must be in accordance with Admin Plan. *HUD waived the requirement that the extension must be in accordance with the PHA's admin plan.*
- **HCV-10** provides an alternative requirement on a youth's age eligibility to enter into the HAP contract. *With this waiver, a youth that was referred at age 24, but is not able to lease up with an FYI voucher until their 25th birthday may still do so.*
- **HCV-12** provides an alternative requirement allowing a PHA to accept referrals from the PCWA for youth who will leave foster care within 120 days.





# FYI Process – New Request Under Notice





# Summary of Available Resources

## FYI Webpage

- FAQs
- Notice: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/2020-28pihn.pdf>
- NOFA: [https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/FYI%20Competitive%20NOFA\\_Content\\_of\\_FR-6400-N-41.pdf](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/FYI%20Competitive%20NOFA_Content_of_FR-6400-N-41.pdf)
- Sample MOU
- Sample requests
- Training

How do I contact HUD regarding FYI?

—For general FYI questions use: [FYI@hud.gov](mailto:FYI@hud.gov).

—For questions regarding the NOFA use: [FYICompetitive@hud.gov](mailto:FYICompetitive@hud.gov).





# Overview of Child Welfare In Support of Foster Youth to Independence (FYI)

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# Public Child Welfare Agencies: State and Local Role

- Each state has its own laws and regulations governing child welfare. As a result, there can be a wide variation in services from state to state.
- States and local governments provide matching funding to receive federal funding.
- State and local governments also provide all funding for children not eligible for federal programs or for services not funded by federal programs, e.g. the care of foster children not eligible for federal funding.
- States may offer foster care up to age 21 under the federal program.



# Public Child Welfare Agencies

- Child Welfare is administered at both the state, county, local, and tribal level.
- Some states are privatized and those agencies act as the “public child welfare agency.”
  - Factsheet: [State vs. County Administration of Child Welfare Services](#).
- In general child welfare agency are most connected with youth who “age out” (age 18 or 21) but can verify that foster care history of other youth/ young adults served in their county or state.



# ***John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood***

- States provide services to youth who have aged out of foster care. Other populations that child welfare may serve include youth who experienced foster care after age 14 and those whose cases closed due to guardianship or adoption after age 16.
- Permits states and tribes to provide the Chafee program/ services up to age 23, if the agency extended the age for title IV-E foster care to 21 or provides comparable services to those youth using state or any other funds outside of title IV-E.
- Chafee program dollars are potentially one source of funds to provide the required supportive services to Foster Youth to Independence Youth.
- The Supporting Foster Youth and Families through the Pandemic Act (Division X of P.L. 116-260) provides additional short funding and time-limited flexibility for child welfare agencies. More information to be issued.





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# Overview of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity ACT (WIOA) Youth Program

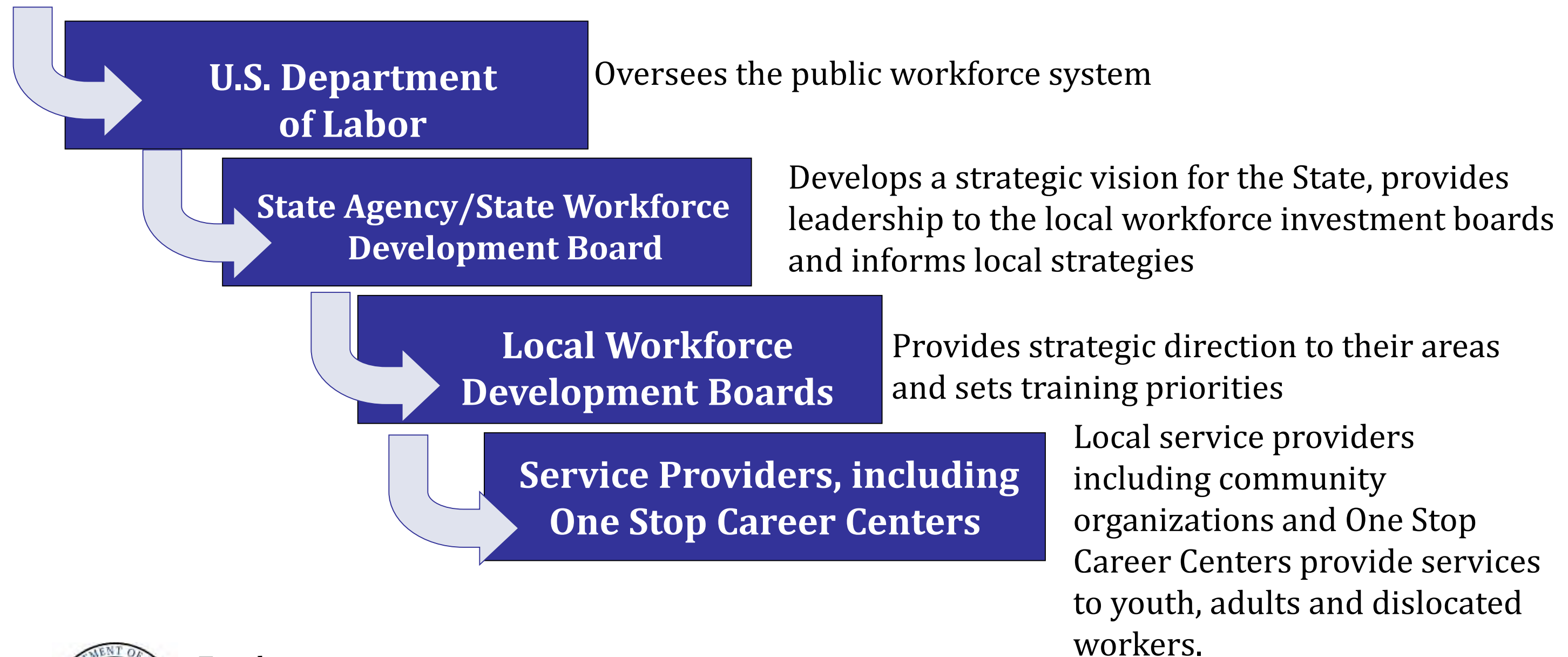
# WIOA Formula Youth Program Overview

- Focuses on serving out-of-school youth ages 16-24 and in-school youth ages 14-21.
- Funds activities to provide career exploration and guidance, continued support for education attainment, opportunities for skills training in in-demand industries, and good jobs along a career pathway, enrollment in postsecondary education, or a Registered Apprenticeship.
- Local program design provides objective assessment of skill levels and needs, develops service strategies and career pathways, and provides activities leading to attainment of secondary and post-secondary credentials and preparation for unsubsidized employment and connections to employers.



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# Oversight and Funding of WIOA Formula Activities



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<http://www.servicelocator.org>

# WIOA Youth Program Eligibility

- WIOA formula funded youth program serves out-of-school youth (OSY) who:
  - Is not attending school
  - Age 16-24
  - And has one or more employment barriers such as school drop out, basic skills deficient, foster youth, offender, a homeless individual, and youth who pregnant or parenting, individual with a disability or low income individual who requires assistance to enter of complete education or secure or hold employment.
- And in-school youth (ISY) who:
  - Is attending school (secondary or postsecondary)
  - Age 14-21
  - Low income
  - And has one or more employment barriers identified above with the exception of school dropout.



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# WIOA Youth 14 Program Elements

- Tutoring;
- Alternative secondary school services;
- Paid and unpaid work experiences, which include: summer and year round employment opportunities, pre-apprenticeship programs, internships and job shadowing, and on-the-job training;
- Occupational skill training;
- Education offered concurrently with workforce preparation and training;
- Leadership development opportunities;



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# WIOA Youth 14 Program Elements (con't)

- Supportive services;
- Mentoring;
- Follow-up services;
- Comprehensive guidance and counseling;
- Financial literacy education;
- Entrepreneurial skills training;
- Services that provide labor market and employment information; and
- Postsecondary education and training preparation activities



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# WIOA: Engaging Partners

- WIOA provides for collaboration among Federal Agencies that operate programs or provide services to address the employment, training , or educational needs of eligible youth in addition to supportive service needs.
- Bring together, in strategic coordination, core programs of Federal investment in skill development.
- Focus on a more difficult to serve population, furthering the need to partner.
- Federal Partner Agencies include but are not limited to: the Department of Education, Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development for carrying out employment and training activities.



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# Potential Partner Opportunities for WIOA and PHAs

- Workforce agencies partnering with PHAs and PCWAs may help youth in foster care access Foster Youth to Independence Housing Vouchers
- WIOA youth providers can play a role as the community partner required in FYI program.
- Partnering with PCWAs and PHAs will allow workforce agencies to connect eligible youth under the FYI to supportive services and training.



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# For More Information . . .

- Go to: <https://www.doleta.gov/wioa>
- Technical Assistance:  
<https://youth.workforcegps.org>



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# Questions & Answers?

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