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POLICY OF EMPLOYINDY

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1. Purpose

To provide clarification around the requirement that 20% of WIOA Youth funds are utilized for work experiences.

2. Scope

This policy applies to EmployIndy staff and service providers and how they should account for expenses related to WIOA Youth work experiences.

3. Summary of the Law, Rules, and Governing Policies

WIOA Sec. 129(c)(4) requires a Workforce Development Board to spend "not less than 20 percent of the funds allocated" for youth on "paid and unpaid work experiences that have as a component academic and occupational education."¹

20 C.F.R. § 681.600 discusses "What are work experiences?"

20 C.F.R. § 681.590 discusses "what is the work experience priority and how will local youth programs track the work experience priority?"

¹ 29 U.S.C. § 3164(c)(4)

U.S. DOL TEGL 23-14² provides further guidance on Youth Programs generally and the 20% work experience requirement specifically.

U.S. DOL TEGL 08-15 explains allowable work experience expenditures.³

Indiana Department of Workforce Development "MEMORANDUM: Interim Guidance on WIOA Title I Youth Work Experience" provides additional guidance on the work experience requirement.

4. Responsibilities

EmployIndy's Finance Department is responsible for monitoring staff time, service provider time, and direct client expenditures.

Each Department is responsible for appropriately identifying how to classify their time.

5. Policy Statement

EmployIndy is required to ensure that 20% of applicable WIOA Youth funds (In-School and Outof-School) received by EmployIndy are spent on work experiences.⁴ These experiences may include the following:

- 1. summer employment opportunities and other employment opportunities available throughout the school year;
- 2. pre-apprenticeship programs;
- 3. internships and job shadowing; and
- 4. on-the-job training opportunities.⁵

The work experience may be paid or unpaid.⁶ All work experiences must include some form of academic or occupational learning as a component of the program element. The academic or occupational learning could occur before, during, or after the work experience, but, the learning must occur within a reasonable timeframe for relevancy in the work experience placement.⁷

Qualifying Expenditures

Program expenditures that can be included in the 20% work experience requirement include the following:

- 1. Participant related costs for wages or stipends;8
- EmployIndy and service provider staff-related costs for the development and management of work experiences, including processing timecards, monitoring and site visits, and outreach to employers;⁹

³ https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL_08-15.pdf

² https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL_23-14.pdf

^{4 29} U.S.C. § 3164(c)(4)

⁵ 29 U.S.C. § 3164(c)(2)(C); 20 C.F.R. § 681.460(a)(3)

^{6 29} U.S.C. § 3164(c)(2)(C)

⁷ Indiana Department of Workforce Development, "MEMORANDUM: Interim Guidance on WIOA Title I Youth Work Experience," <u>http://www.in.gov/dwd/files/Policy_Youth_Work_Experience.pdf</u>

⁸ Id.

⁹ Id.

- 3. EmployIndy and service provider staff time spent identifying potential work experience opportunities;¹⁰
- 4. EmployIndy and service provider staff time working with employers to develop the work experience;¹¹
- 5. EmployIndy and service provider staff time working with employers to ensure a successful work experience;¹²
- 6. EmployIndy and service provider staff time spent evaluating the work experience;¹³
- 7. Participant work experience orientation sessions;14
- 8. Classroom training;¹⁵
- 9. The required academic education component directly related to the work experience; ¹⁶
- 10. Orientations for employers.¹⁷

Supportive services including incentives, clothing, or transportation assistance, are not included in the work experience related costs.¹⁸

Administrative Costs

Administrative costs are not subject to the 20% percent work experience requirement.¹⁹ Therefore, EmployIndy must spend 20% of the Youth funds after administrative expenses have been removed from the total Youth allocation.²⁰

6. Exceptions

There are no exceptions to this policy.

7. Definitions

None.

8. Related Policies and Documents

EmployIndy Work-Based Learning for Youth and Young Adults Policy

¹⁰ U.S. Department of Labor, "TEGL 08-15: Second Title I WIOA Youth Program Transition Guidance," <u>https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL_08-15.pdf</u>.

¹¹ *Id*.

¹² *Id*.

¹³ *Id*.

¹⁴ Id. ¹⁵ Id.

¹⁶ *Id*.

¹⁷ Id

 ¹⁸ Indiana Department of Workforce Development, "MEMORANDUM: Interim Guidance on WIOA Title I Youth Work Experience," <u>http://www.in.gov/dwd/files/Policy_Youth_Work_Experience.pdf</u>
¹⁹ 20 C.F.R. § 681.590

²⁰ See U.S. Department of Labor, "TEGL 23-14: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Program Transition" for an example of how to handle the exclusion of administrative costs for the 20% requirement. <u>https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL 23-14.pdf</u>