



Gun Violence Prevention Program

Working Solutions will provide job training, credentialing and placement in good-paying jobs, to youth living in City of Utica areas impacted by high rates of gun violence. In addition to each area's existing referral network, youth will be referred by trusted community service providers with priority given to referrals from gun violence interveners and other anti-gun violence advocacy organizations.

Program Timeline

- Program services commence - Effective immediately
- Program concludes - 7/31/22

Eligibility for Program Participants

- The Program will serve unemployed, under-employed and out-of-school youth between age 18 and 24 in areas of Utica, NY impacted by gun violence.
- The Program will not serve youth enrolled in college.
- Participants must reside within specified priority zip codes 13501 & 13502 provided by NYSDOL

Services for Youth In line with existing practices, Local Workforce Development Boards will:

1. Use existing aptitude and skill assessment establishment, skill-building courses, and career counseling as necessary baseline services for placement into skills training and employment.
2. Work with participants to identify skill and education gaps.
3. Assess and make any needed referrals to external providers including: housing, legal and/or substance abuse issues, benefit programs, financial assistance, etc.
4. Connect youth to comprehensive and customized occupational training and will include literacy, job-specific skills, professional credentials, business-relevant computer literacy, high-tech and job preparation workforce services.
5. Provide access to pre-apprenticeship programs meeting all standard criteria necessary for entrance into apprenticeship training for a specified trade.
6. Provide job placement services to youth who are job-ready and once youth complete training. This will include placement into Registered Apprenticeship programs.
7. Track engagement, training and participant activities in OSOS as with other WIOA-funded programs.
Note that weekly progress reports will be sent to the Governor's Office.

This Funding will help to lower the hiring and training costs for businesses while providing jobs for youth. Employers who want to be part of the program should visit www.working-solutions.org. Interested young people between the ages 18-24, who live in the City of Utica (zip codes 13501 and 13502 should call Venice Ervin at (315) 207-6951 extension 141 to register for services.