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## Policy

The next policy meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. EST

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## Upcoming ETA Meetings/Events

- ❑ **June 21 - WIA Reauthorization Forum - Focus: One-Stop Services To Persons with Disabilities, Washington, DC**  
Contacts: Maria Kniesler Flynn at 202-693-3045 or Dolores Hall-Beran 202-693-2794
- ❑ **June 26-28 - Youth Network Council - 2002 Midwest Hub Conference, Chicago, Illinois**  
Contact: Dennis Murstein at 312-704-1265
- ❑ **June 26-28 - National Youth Summit - Washington, DC**  
Contact: Richard Morris at 202-693-3603
- ❑ **June 27-28 - Mid-Atlantic Regional (DHHS, DEd, DOL) Positive Youth Development Summit, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**  
Contact: Sharon Wellons at 215-861-5529
- ❑ **July 9-11 - Workforce Innovation 2002 Conference, Nashville, Tennessee**  
Contact: Gardner Carrick at 202-693-3689
- ❑ **July 20-26 - Youth Opportunity Grants Leadership Institute, Leesburg, Virginia**  
Contact: Karen David at 202-822-6725

## Waivers

A summary of state waiver requests is attached including new requests from Arizona, Puerto Rico, Connecticut, Maine and North Dakota.

## Partners

### ACF Announces Funding for Studies and Analysis of CBO/FBO "Best Practices"

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) has announced that competing applications are being accepted for grant funding to stimulate research and support a range of studies and analyses to examine the role and "best practices" of faith- and community-based organizations providing services in targeted study areas. The priority study areas are: Homelessness, hunger, at-risk children and youth, transition from welfare to work, or intensive rehabilitation services for those most in need such as addicts and prisoners.

ACF seeks "to build knowledge regarding the roles and promising approaches by diverse types of faith- and community-based organizations to provide services within five priority areas: homelessness, hunger, at-risk children, the transition from welfare to work, and intensive services for those most in need such as addicts and prisoners."

Any public organization, including state and local governments; private nonprofit organizations, including universities and other institutions of higher education, as well as faith-based organizations may apply. Applications may also be submitted by private for-profit organizations.

ACF will issue the Financial Assistance Awards under this announcement as grants. Approximately \$1 million is expected to be available from ACF in funds appropriated for fiscal year 2002. ACF estimates that this level of funding will support between 5 and 8 awards with total budgets (including indirect costs) ranging from \$125,000 to about \$250,000 for short-term projects. The closing date for submitting applications under this announcement is July 22, 2002. For additional background and application requirements, please see the June 7 FEDERAL REGISTER at [http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002\\_register&docid=02-14318-filed](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-14318-filed)

## **Miscellaneous**

### **From usworkforce.org:**

➤ **HHS Awards \$30 Million to Help Address Nation's Nursing Shortage**

HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson has announced a series of grants totaling more than \$30 million to increase the number of qualified nurses and the quality of nursing services across the country. The awards will help to ease the shortage of nurses available to provide essential health care services across the country.

HHS' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will award grants totaling more than \$22 million to colleges, universities and other organizations to increase the number of nurses with advanced degrees and to help improve the quality of care for elderly patients. The \$22 million in grants include 324 Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship grants, totaling more than \$18.5 million, which support registered nurses in graduate programs who are studying to become nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, nurse-midwives, nurse anesthetists, nurse educators, nurse administrators and public health nurses.

Contact: (<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/grants2002/awards02/nrsaetraward.htm>)

➤ **Repayment of Educational Loans for Clinical Care Nurses**

Eight million dollars will be designated to repay educational loans of clinical care nurses who agree to work for two or three years in designated public or nonprofit health facilities facing a critical shortage of nurses.

Contact: (<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/grants2002/awards02/nrsaetraward.htm>)

➤ **Labor Department and Home Depot Partner To Place Workers In Well-Paying Jobs**

U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao and Home Depot Chairman, President and CEO Robert Nardelli announced a National Business Partnership between the Department of Labor and Home Depot to use the network of the workforce investment systems and One-Stop Career Centers to help recruit workers for well paying jobs with Home Depot. The announcement was made via satellite to Home Depot store managers and human resources managers nationwide.

Under the partnership, Home Depot's Human Resources Managers in stores across the country will use the One-Stop Career Centers located in local communities to help fill the 40,000 new jobs Home Depot will have available over the next year in more than 1,300 U.S. stores.

Contact: <http://www.nbpjobs.org>

➤ **HHS Announces Availability of Funds to Assist Faith-Based and Community Organizations**

HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson announced the availability of \$30 million [in funds] to help level the playing field for faith- and community-based organizations competing for federal grants and other funding. The Compassion Capital Fund represents the first appropriated federal funds that are specifically targeted to assist grassroots organizations since President Bush announced the faith-based and community initiative last year.

Under the Compassion Capital Fund demonstration program, nearly \$25 million will be made available to 15-25 intermediary organizations that will provide technical assistance to help faith-based and community organizations to effectively access funding sources, operate and manage their programs, develop and train staff, expand the reach of programs into the community and replicate promising programs. Technical assistance must be offered at no cost to interested organizations.

The remaining \$5 million of the Compassion Capital Fund will be used to establish a National Resource Center and to support research into promising practices for intermediary organizations providing assistance to grassroots organizations and into the role that faith-based and community organizations play in their communities

Information on the availability of Compassion Capital Fund grants was published June 7, 2002, in the FEDERAL REGISTER. Grant awards will be made this fall.

Contact: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2002pres/20020605a.html>

➤ **HRSA Extends Submission Date for FY 2002 Cooperative Agreements for Health Workforce Research; States and Local Governments Eligible to Apply**

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announced on May 23 that applications will be accepted for FY 2002 competitive Cooperative Agreements for health workforce research. Through an announcement in the June 7 FEDERAL REGISTER, HRSA extended the submission deadline from June 19, 2002 to July 8, 2002. HRSA also corrected the Internet address for accessing the application materials. The correct address is: [hrsagac@hrsa.gov](mailto:hrsagac@hrsa.gov).

**WIA Waiver Summary Report  
As of May 31, 2002**

<b>State</b>	<b>Waiver Request</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Date of Action</b>
Alabama (1) and (2)	Waive 10 percent limitation on local administrative costs.	Request withdrawn by state. DOL acknowledgement letter.	July 24, 2000
	Waive 80 percent obligation requirement for adult and youth funds for PY 2000.	DOL determined waiver was not needed. Notification letter sent to state.	June 8, 2001
Alabama (3)	Request to extend the initial period of provider eligibility by waiving the 18-month requirement for subsequent eligibility at 20 CFR 663.530.	Pending - rec'd 04/26/02 and currently under review.	
Arizona	Request to extend the initial period of provider eligibility by waiving the 18-month requirement for subsequent eligibility at WIA sec. 122(c)(5) and 20 CFR 663.530.	Pending - New request received 05/30/02	
Colorado	Waive the competitive selection of youth service providers for three required elements: work experience, follow-up and support services, and categorize as part of design framework.	Pending - Decision documents drafted and being cleared for ASET action.	
	Request an exemption to the exclusion of One-Stop centers as eligible providers of youth services.	Pending - Same as above.	
Connecticut	Request to extend the initial period of provider eligibility by waiving the 18-month requirement for subsequent eligibility at WIA sec. 122(c)(5) and 20 CFR 663.530.	Pending - new request received 05/30/02	
Hawaii	Request to waive the "all-student" reporting requirement for subsequent eligibility of training providers.	Approved a waiver to extend the initial period of provider eligibility by waiving the 18-month requirement for subsequent eligibility at 20 CFR 663.530 through June 30, 2004, in lieu of waiving the "all-student" requirement, which was not approved.	May 13, 2002

	Request to waive the section 122 provisions pertaining to state-level verification of local-level performance of providers on the list provided to the state.	Action deferred on request pending further review. Response to be handled under separate cover.	State notified in May 13, 2002, waiver notification letter.
Idaho	Request to waive the subsequent eligibility provisions outlined in Section 122 (c) and (d) of the WIA legislation and that the USDOL approve Idaho's proposed process for determining subsequent eligibility.	Pending -- New request received May 13, 2002.	
Illinois	Waive the application of performance standards under sec. 136 for statewide set aside funds used to serve incarcerated individuals under sec. 134(a)(3)(A)(vii).	Pending - Waiver team unable to reach consensus on a recommendation, matter being elevated to ASET for decision per waiver procedures.	
	Waive the application of the eligible training provider, Individual training Account and customer choice requirements under secs. 122 and 134, for statewide set aside funds used to serve incarcerated individuals under sec. 134(a)(3)(A)(vii).	Pending will be addressed as part of response on performance measures waiver above, when decided.	
Indiana	Continue the Social Security Disability Income exclusion from the definition of "family income."	DOL determined waiver was not needed under WIA. Notification letter sent to state.	May 25, 2000
	Exclude work-based learning wages from the definition of "family income."	DOL determined waiver was not needed under WIA. Notification letter sent to state.	May 25, 2000
	Permit the use of rapid response funds for intensive and training services to dislocated workers.	DOL determined waiver was not needed under WIA. Notification letter sent to state.	May 25, 2000
	Permit state to change definition of "school dropout" for the purposes of determining eligibility for services.	Not approved. Provision not subject to a waiver since it is a participant eligibility issue. Notification letter sent to state.	May 25, 2000
	Waive the prohibition on the use of individual training accounts for youth.	Conditionally approved. Notification letter sent to state.	May 25, 2000
	Waive the 17 core indicators of performance for WIA title I and replace them with state-develop system measures.	Not approved. Inconsistent with WIA key reform principles. Notification letter sent to state.	May 25, 2000

Indiana (Reconsideration of deferred waiver decision on issue in May 25, 2000 letter)	Waive the 10 percent limitation of local administrative costs.	Partially approved to permit Governor to waive 10 percent local administration limit under certain conditions. Notification letter sent to state.	October 26, 2000
Kentucky (1)	Waive 80% obligation requirement for dislocated worker funds for PY 2000.	DOL determined waiver was not needed under WIA. Notification letter sent to state.	May 15, 2001
Kentucky (2)	Request to extend the initial period of provider eligibility by waiving the 18-month requirement for subsequent eligibility at 20 CFR 663.530.	Approved through January 1, 2004	April 17, 2002
Louisiana	Request to waive the 5% limitation on providing WIA funded services to non-disadvantaged youth at the local level (WIA sec. 129 (c)(5) and 20 CFR 664.220)	Disapproved-participant eligibility, which is excluded from the Secretary's waiver authority. State provided with suggested options to help achieve goal without a waiver.	May 10, 2002
Maine	Waive eligible training provider provisions for one year (WIA sec.122)	Request withdrawn by state. Acknowledgement letter sent to state.	July 24, 2000
Maine (2)	Request to extend the initial period of provider eligibility by waiving the 18-month requirement for subsequent eligibility at WIA sec. 122(c)(5) and 20 CFR 663.530.	Pending	
Massachusetts	Request to extend the initial period of provider eligibility by waiving the 18-month requirement for subsequent eligibility at WIA sec. 122(c)(5) and 20 CFR 663.530.	Pending - New Request	
Minnesota (1)	Request to extend the initial period of provider eligibility by waiving the 18-month requirement for subsequent eligibility at 20 CFR 663.530.	Approved through January 1, 2003, as requested by the state.	February 15, 2002
Minnesota (2)	Request for a waiver to retroactively disregard PY 2000 youth, adult and dislocated worker performance standards credential rates.	Pending - being reviewed in terms of performance and incentive policies.	
Mississippi	Waive the subsequent eligibility requirement that all mandated performance items must be submitted, and acceptable levels met, for programs and courses to remain on the ETP List. (Sec.	Pending	

	122(c)(5) and 20 CFR 663.535(c)(1) and (2))		
Montana (1)	Waive the 10 percent limitation of local administrative costs.	Partially approved to permit Governor to waive 10 percent local administration limit under certain conditions. Notification letter sent to state.	October 26, 2000
Montana (2)	Request to extend the initial period of provider eligibility by waiving the 18-month requirement for subsequent eligibility at WIA sec. 122(c)(5) and 20 CFR 663.530.	Pending - Decision documents drafted and being cleared for ASET action.	
New York	Waive the 20% local-level transfer authority limit on funds between the adult and dislocated worker programs.	Pending (Rec'd NO 04/05/02) - In May 10, 2002, letter the state provided the additional information requested by the Regional Office on the request concerning waiver implementation issues, programmatic outcomes and the comment process used for the waiver request, in accordance with 20 CFR 661.420(c).	
North Carolina	Request to extend the initial period of provider eligibility by waiving the 18-month requirement for subsequent eligibility at WIA sec 122(c)(5) and 20 CFR 663.530.	Pending - Request submitted as part of five-year plan modification. Processing is being coordinated with OWS.	
North Dakota	Waive the competitive selection of youth service providers at WIA sec. 123 for <i>all</i> required elements under WIA sec. 129(c)(2).	State formally withdrew its waiver request in a letter dated April 29, 2002. Acknowledgement letter sent to the state from the Dallas Regional Administrator.	May 8, 2002.
North Dakota (2)	Request to extend the initial period of provider eligibility by waiving the 18-month requirement for subsequent eligibility at WIA sec. 122(c)(5) and 20 CFR 663.530.	Pending - New request	
Ohio	Continue the 50 percent exclusion of Social Security and Old Age Survivors' Insurance benefit payments from the definition of family income.	DOL determined waiver was not needed under WIA. Notification letter sent to state.	October 26, 2000
	Continue the Social Security Disability Income exclusion from the definition of "family income."	DOL determined waiver was not needed under WIA. Notification letter sent to state.	October 26, 2000

	Procurement requirements.	DOL determined waiver was not needed under WIA. Notification letter sent to state.	October 26, 2000
	Cost limitations.	Partially approved to permit Governor to waive 10 percent local administration limit under certain conditions. Notification letter sent to state.	October 26, 2000
Ohio (2)	Request to extend the initial period of provider eligibility by waiving the 18-month requirement for subsequent eligibility at 20 CFR 663.530.	Pending - Rec'd 04/11/02	
Oklahoma	Request to extend the initial period of provider eligibility by waiving the 18-month requirement for subsequent eligibility at WIA sec. 122(c)(5) and 20 CFR 663.530.		
Oregon	Request to extend the initial period of provider eligibility by waiving the 18-month requirement for subsequent eligibility at 20 CFR 663.530.	Approved through June 30, 2004.	April 1, 2002
Puerto Rico	Waive the 20% local-level transfer authority limit on funds between the adult and dislocated worker programs.	New request received 05/16/02 - Needs additional information to conform to 20 CFR 661.420(c)	
	Waive the 10 percent limitation of local administrative costs, and increase the local limit to 15%.	(Same as above.)	
South Carolina	Request to extend the initial period of provider eligibility by waiving the 18-month requirement for subsequent eligibility at 20 CFR 663.530.	Pending - - Decision documents being drafted and cleared for ASET action.	
Tennessee	Request to extend the initial period of provider eligibility by waiving the 18-month requirement for subsequent eligibility at 20 CFR 663.530.	Pending - Decision documents being drafted and cleared for ASET action.	
Utah	Cost limitations/cost categories.	Partially approved to permit Governor to waive 10 percent local administration limit under certain conditions. Notification letter sent to state.	October 26, 2000
	Continue JTPA waiver of the realloiment provisions.	DOL determined waiver was not needed under WIA. Notification letter sent to state.	October 26, 2000



	Continue JTPA waiver permitting limited internships with for-profit employers, for non-economically disadvantaged individuals.	DOL determined waiver was not needed under WIA. Notification letter sent to state.	October 26, 2000
	Continue JTPA procurement waiver permitting state to use state procurement procedures.	DOL determined waiver was not needed under WIA. Notification letter sent to state	October 26, 2000
	Continue JTPA waiver for simplified definition of youth employability enhancements for reporting requirements.	DOL determined waiver was not needed under WIA. Notification letter sent to state.	October 26, 2000
	Continue JTPA waiver to permit work experience with for-profit employers, for dislocated workers.	DOL determined waiver was not needed under WIA. Notification letter sent to state.	October 26, 2000
Vermont	Waive the competitive selection of youth service providers for three required elements at sec. 129(c)(2): work experience, follow-up and support services, and categorize as part of design framework.	Approved through June 30, 2003.	January 23, 2002
	Request to waive the "all-student" reporting requirement for subsequent eligibility of training providers.	Approved a waiver to extend the initial period of provider eligibility by waiving the 18-month requirement for subsequent eligibility at 20 CFR 663.530 through June 30, 2003, in lieu of waiving the "all-student" requirement, which was not approved.	January, 23, 2002
Wisconsin	Request to extend the initial period of provider eligibility by waiving the 18-month requirement for subsequent eligibility at 20 CFR 663.530.	Approved through January 1, 2004	February 15, 2002

