

# U.S. Department of Labor Youth and Young Adult Activities



## **Available Services for Young Parents and Lessons Learned from Recent Evaluations**

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# Youth and Young Adult Programs

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- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act: Youth
  - ▣ ~ \$800 million per year; serves 110,000 per year
- Job Corps Program
  - ▣ ~ \$1.7 billion per year; serves 37,000 per year
- YouthBuild Program
  - ▣ ~ \$80 million per year; serves 7,000 per year

# Lessons From Various Evaluations

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- Incentives for young adults:
  - ▣ Stipends and paid training and work
  - ▣ Connections to caring adults and to a community
  - ▣ Small cohorts
  - ▣ Reliable staff with shared experiences and similarities
  - ▣ Desire for a job, or a better job is paramount

# Lessons From Various Evaluations (cont.)

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- Ongoing challenges:
  - Transportation
  - A convenient location
  - Recruitment
  - Increasing developmental/mental health needs
  - Lower levels of academic and vocational skills

# Lessons From Various Evaluations (cont.)



- Challenges specific to young parents:
  - Child Support Obligations
  - Extensive distractions

# Moving Forward

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- Transitional jobs
  - ▣ New component in the service mix
  - ▣ Proposed program
- Evaluations of transitional employment programs
  - ▣ Enhanced Transitional Jobs Demonstration
  - ▣ HHS' Subsidized Transitional Employment Demonstration

# For more information:

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