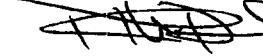


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SUBJECT: Release and Availability of Youth Opportunity Grant Initiative Reports

**1. Purpose.** To announce the release and the availability of the following Youth Opportunity (YO) Grant Initiative items:

- *Youth Opportunity Grant Initiative: Summary and Implications*
- *Youth Opportunity Grant Initiative: Executive Summary*
- *Youth Opportunity Grant Initiative: Ethnographic Evaluation Final Report*
- *Youth Opportunity Grant Initiative: Impact and Synthesis Report*
- *Youth Opportunity Grant Initiative: Management Information System Final Report*
- *Youth Opportunity Grant Initiative: Process Evaluation Final Report*
- *Youth Opportunity Grant Initiative: Appendices*
- *Youth Opportunity Grant Initiative: Public Data Set*

**2. Background.** In 2000, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) awarded grants to 36 high poverty urban, rural, and Native American communities to provide services – including education, employment, support, and leadership development – to youth 14 to 21 years old. The objective of the YO Grants Initiative was to concentrate a sufficient level of funds in high poverty areas to improve the long-term educational and employment outcomes for youth living in these areas and to serve a high enough proportion of those youth to positively affect peer pressure. Key components of the YO model included: (1) establishing at least one Youth Opportunity Center in each community, which provided a safe and accessible place for youths to meet; (2) developing the potential of youth as citizens and leaders, as a means of achieving employment and educational outcomes; (3) encouraging youth to maintain contact and seek assistance, even after they had completed their service plan; and (4) establishing partnerships among public, private, and nonprofit organizations.

**3. Report Findings.** The report's major findings include:

- YO succeeded in concentrating large amounts of resources in high poverty areas and reaching a large proportion of the youth in those areas.
- Positive community-level impacts are achievable for communities similar to those served by YO; especially with regard to educational outcomes.

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**4. Availability.** To view an abstract of the publication or to download the full YO reports, appendices, public data set, or executive summary, visit the Employment and Training Administration's publications Web site at: <http://wdr.doleta.gov/research/keyword.cfm>.