

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE	NO. 28-13
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TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES
STATE WORKFORCE LIAISONS
STATE AND LOCAL WORKFORCE BOARD CHAIRS AND
DIRECTORS

FROM: ERIC M. SELEZNOW/s/
Acting Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Release and Availability of a Report, *“Mentoring Youth and Young Parents: A Guidebook for Programs Helping Youth and Young Parents Navigate a Pathway to Self-Sufficiency”*

1. **Purpose.** To announce the release and availability of a report, *“Mentoring Youth and Young Parents: A Guidebook for Programs Helping Youth and Young Parents Navigate a Pathway to Self-Sufficiency.”*
2. **References.**
 - Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998, as amended (29 United States Code 2801, et seq.), Section 171 Demonstration, Pilot, and Research Projects;
 - WIA Final Rule, 20 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 661 and 664, (published at 65 FR 49294, Aug. 11, 2000); and
 - Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 5-12.
3. **Background.** WIA authorizes mentoring as one of ten youth program elements that must be made available by local programs. This mentoring guidebook was developed to support the Young Parents Demonstration project. It offers user-friendly guidance, resources, and promising practices for local workforce programs and agencies that want to develop and implement a mentoring program or add a set of mentoring activities to an existing program. The mentoring guidebook is composed of an introduction and three additional sections:
 - Five steps for creating high-quality mentoring services for youth and young parents,
 - Learning from the Young Parents Demonstration Project grantees, and
 - Resources organized by the five steps for creating a high-quality mentoring services.
4. **Action Requested.** State agencies and local workforce investment boards are asked to share this Training and Employment Notice and guidebook with all relevant youth service providers.
5. **Inquiries.** Please direct questions to the appropriate regional office.
6. **Attachment.** *Mentoring Youth and Young Parents: A Guidebook for Programs Helping Youth and Young Parents Navigate a Pathway to Self-Sufficiency*