

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE	<b>NO.</b> 33-13
	<b>DATE</b> June 4, 2014

**TO:** STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES  
 STATE WORKFORCE LIAISONS  
 STATE AND LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS  
 AMERICAN JOB CENTER MANAGERS  
 WIA 166 AND 477 GRANTEES

**FROM:** PORTIA WU /s/  
 Assistant Secretary

**SUBJECT:** Joint Letter on Informing Career Decisions from the U.S. Department of Labor, the U.S. Department of Education, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

1. **Purpose.** To share the interagency support for ensuring students and parents have relevant and timely information to make informed career decisions. This notice is meant to encourage continued coordination and collaboration across the public workforce, adult basic education, career and technical education, and human and social service systems to prepare students for education and career paths.
2. **References.** Training and Employment Notice No. 36-11, “Joint Letter on Career Pathways from the U.S. Department of Labor’s Employment and Training Administration, the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Vocational and Adult Education, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Administration for Children and Families.”
3. **Background.** The attached joint letter builds on joint work among the U.S. Departments of Labor, Education and Health and Human Services to build and strengthen career pathways. The career pathways framework aligns education and training programs with the needs of employers and targeted industries within local, regional, or state economies to help individuals attain relevant certifications, connect successfully to work, and advance to higher levels of education and wages over time. An early and essential step in the career pathways framework is to help young people make informed decisions about their future education and career options. This letter provides ways that workforce investment boards and American Job Centers can partner with high schools and human service agencies to improve counseling opportunities for students.
4. **Inquiries.** Questions concerning this Training and Employment Notice should be directed to the appropriate Regional Office.
5. **Attachment.** See attached joint commitment letter.