



## **NORTH DAKOTA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

### **INCENTIVES FOR YOUTH POLICY**

#### **POLICY 2-11-01 (1)**

#### **PURPOSE:**

To inform all one-stop career center staff of the continued success incentive for youth policy for eligible customers in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I program.

#### **POLICY:**

Continued Success Payment is a supportive service payment made to a WIOA Youth program participant when WIOA is involved in the successful completion of the following:

- High school diploma
- General Education Development (GED)
- Post-secondary diploma
- Industry or employer recognized certificate
- Completion of all required progress and post-tests for the Measurable Skill Gain (MSG) measure (other than those listed above). This requires a pre-test of the same measurement tool for comparison with the progress or post-test.

The intent of this supportive service payment is to assist WIOA Youth program participants with expenses incurred as they pursue their educational and employment plan goals. Payments must be made within one year of attainment.

A supportive service payment of \$100 shall be provided to each WIOA Youth program participant who provides proof of attainment for successful completion of:

- High School diploma
- General Education Development (GED)
- Post-secondary diploma
- Industry or employer recognized certificate.
- Completion of all required progress and post-tests for the MSG measure (other than those listed above.) This requires a pre-test of the same measurement tool for comparison with the progress or post-test.

Successful completion of a credential must occur during active program participation or within one year after exit.

Continued Success Payments can be paid to participants enrolled in the WIOA Youth Program only. Payments are not allowed under any other funding sources.

Youth must have received WIOA services directly related to the successful completion of the diploma, GED, certificate or post-test. The service must have been provided for at least 30 calendar days prior to the receipt of the diploma, GED or certificate.

A participant can receive up to \$300 per program year in continued success payments. It is possible and probable that a participant will receive more than one continued success payment during a program year. The participant may receive a \$100 payment for achieving a HS

diploma, and may also receive a \$100 payment when he/she completes a post-secondary educational or training program.

**EXCEPTION**

Youth enrolled while in residence at the Youth Correctional Center (YCC) facility are not eligible for Continued Success Payments while “incarcerated”. Successful completion of an activity identified in this procedure is generally a requirement of the youth in their YCC plan. However, once a youth leaves the YCC and is still enrolled in the WIOA Youth program, he or she is eligible for the payment of Continued Success Payments for accomplishments attained while not in residence at the YCC.

**REFERENCE:**

- (0) September 28, 2018
- (1) October 28, 2021

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