

2015-2016 WIA Youth RFP



RFP

- Goal is to select the proposal(s)/vendor(s) that best meet the needs of the department while conducting an open solicitation that gives every vendor a fair chance to be selected.
- During the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, communication with the public and vendors must be carefully managed to ensure a fair and impartial process.

Procurement Process

- RFP drafted by DSS/WIA Staff
- Released to public via County Purchasing

- Out to public 5 weeks
- Bidder's Conference held & all Q&As made public via posting on County Purchasing website.

- Selection Committee reviews proposals & selects vendor(s).
- Selection Committee recommendation brought to Youth Council & WIB

- DSS engages in contract negotiations
- Contract(s) awarded by Board of Supervisors.

Selection Committee

- Comprised of at least 3 members
- At least one member must be employed by requesting department (DSS).
- At least one member must be employed by another County department.
- Applicable professionals in the private sector with involvement in specialty of services being sought (Youth).

- Goal of Selection Committee is to identify the best overall service provider(s) of the business needs of the department.
- Members are expected to be unbiased and evaluate proposals fairly.
- All activities of the Selection Committee, including names of its members, identity of the proposers, and details of the selection process are considered confidential.

RFP Timeline

- RFP Release Date Oct. 17, 2014
- Bidders' Conference Oct. 24, 2014
- Proposals Due Nov. 21, 2014
- Selection Committee Evaluation Dec.1-5, 2014

- Youth Council Feb. 11, 2015
- WIB Executive Committee April 08, 2015
- Board of Supervisors June, 2015
- Contract Start Date July 01, 2015

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Focuses youth program services on:

- out-of-school youth
- high school dropout recovery efforts
- career pathways for youth
- attainment of a high school diploma and a recognized postsecondary credential
- work-based learning experiences
- occupational skills trainings

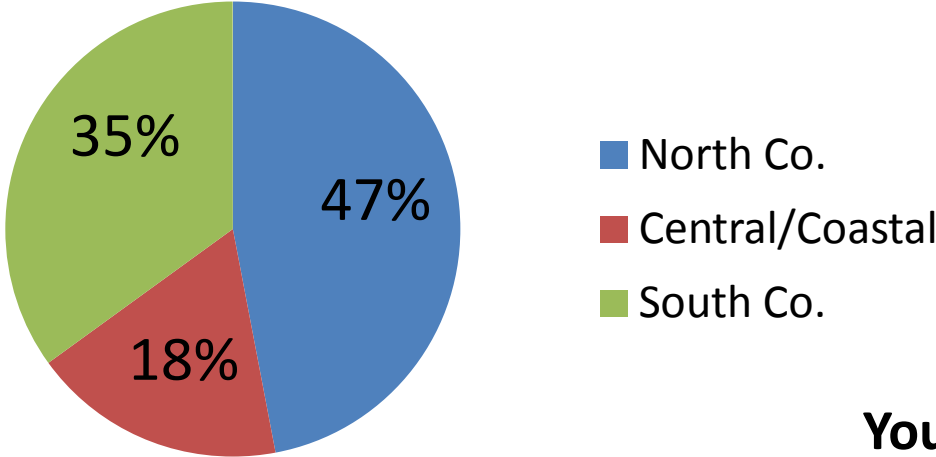
WIOA cont'd

- WIOA emphasizes improving the transition from education to employment for youth with disabilities.
- WIOA Requires 75% of youth funding to support out-of-school youth, of which 20% is prioritized for work-based activities.

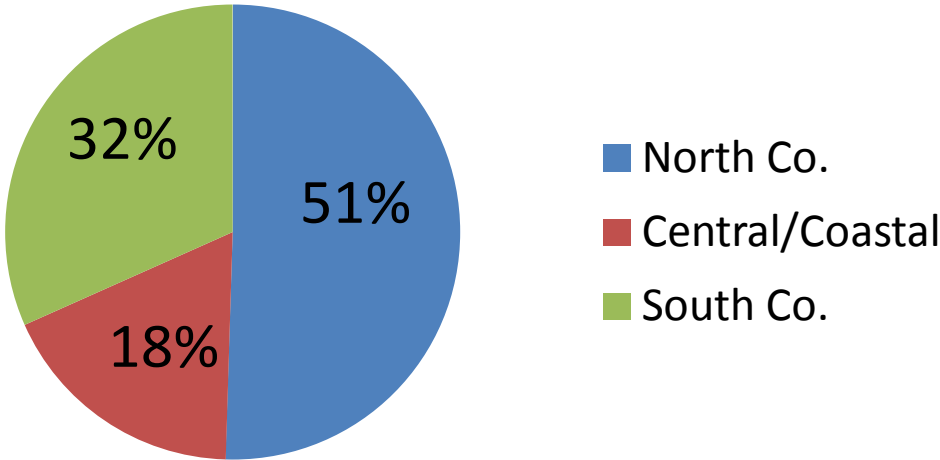
Local Data

(*data from individuals currently engaging with DSS/CWS/Probation systems only)

Youth on Probation

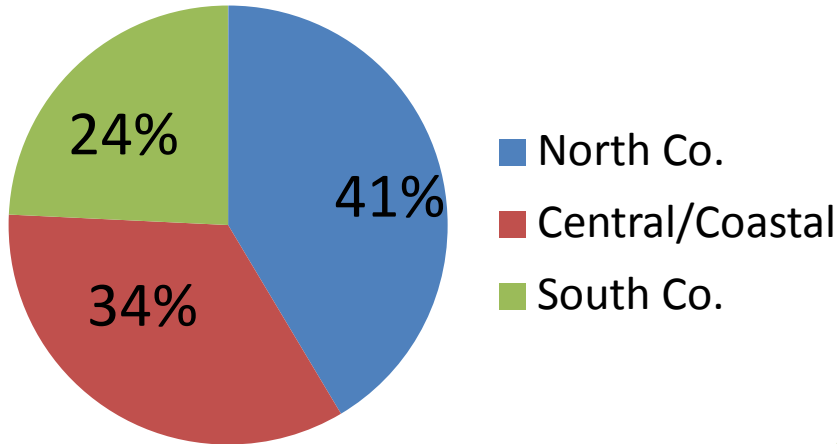


Youth in Foster Care

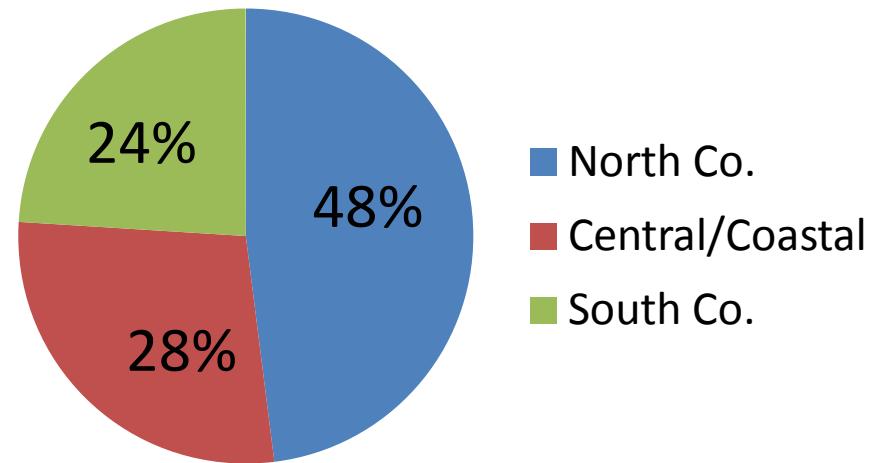


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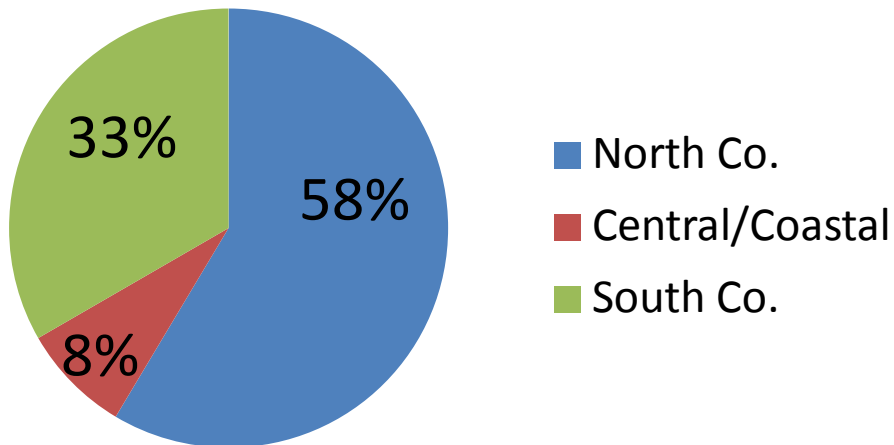
Low Income Youth



Homeless Youth

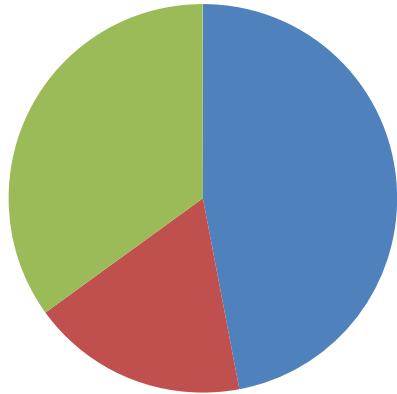


Pregnant Youth

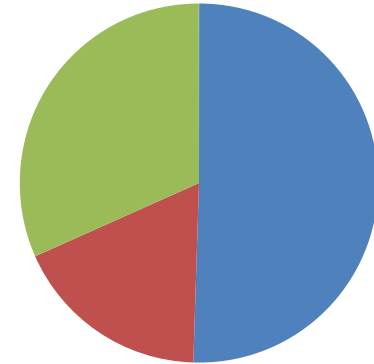


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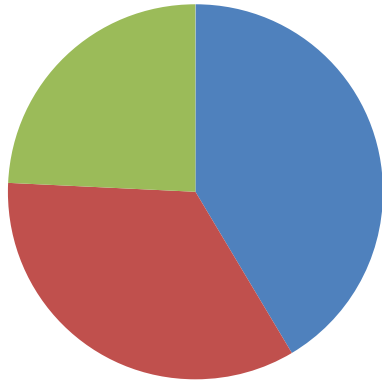


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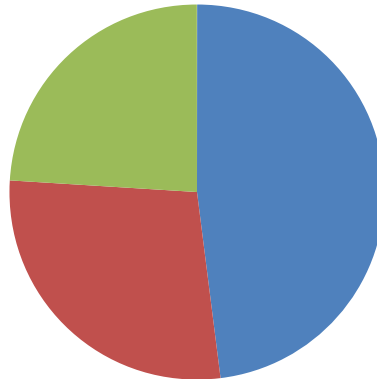


- North Co.
- Central/Coastal
- South Co.

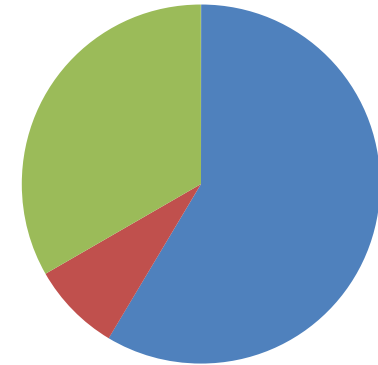
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Youth Barriers

...in descending order...

1. Low Income
2. Basic Skill Deficient
3. Youth with Disabilities
4. Pregnant/Parenting Youth
5. Homelessness
6. Youth Offenders
7. Youth in Foster Care

Current Youth Data

- 44% - Attending Alternative Education
- 22% - High School Graduate
- 20% - High School Dropout
- 14% - Attending High School

Youth Served in PY 13-14

Cuesta		Henkels & McCoy	
North County	36%	North County	100%
South County	35%		
Central/Coastal	28%		
127 Total Youth Served			
53 In-School Youth Served			
40 Out-of-School Youth Served		34 Out-of-School Youth Served	

Identified Needs

- Transportation is major challenge
- Low Income is a significant barrier
- Engagement with homeless youth
- Youth Facing Substance Abuse & Mental Health Challenges

Priorities for RFP

- County-Wide Services
- Increase services to North County
- Increase services to Out-of-School Youth
 - Specifically to work-based activities (occupational skills training, work experience)
 - Drop-Out Recovery Efforts – outreach & engagement with these youth

RFP Priorities Cont'd

- Increase services to support youth with disabilities in their transition from education to work.
- Improve connection between attainment of HS Diploma *and* earning postsecondary and/or industry recognized credential.

- Additional areas of focus to include in RFP?



RFP Timeline Re-Cap

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Selection
Committee

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