

**WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT**  
San Luis Obispo County

**SLO Workforce Development Board  
YOUTH COMMITTEE**

**PROPOSED MISSION STATEMENT**

**Revised Final Version with Youth Committee Recommendations**

The Youth Committee of the San Luis Obispo County Workforce Development Board (WDB) is an advisory committee to the WDB.

The primary responsibility of the Youth Committee is to provide information and assist with planning, operational, and other issues related to the provision of workforce development services to youth (ages 16-24) under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Through the work of the Youth Committee the WDB provides strategic direction and coordination with other programs and initiatives in the communities served, to make the best use of limited resources.

In addition, the Youth Committee will identify and actively engage individuals, organizations, and programs across San Luis Obispo County that are active in youth workforce development, and assist the WDB in developing and recommending policies displaying positive and successful efforts by these partners in order to broaden youth employment and training. In order to accomplish these efforts, the Youth Committee will establish partnerships with a range of organizations supporting the youth; identify and evaluate concerns and issues that are known to impact the success of youth entering and continuing in the labor market; and recommend options and solutions to minimize barriers to youth employment.

**DUTIES:**

1. Convene as a clearinghouse for youth-related workforce issues.
- ~~4-2.~~ Seek and collect stakeholder input to identify workforce needs in the ~~local youth services system~~ community and the local youth services system.
- ~~2-3.~~ Develop and maintain a working agenda (updated annually) of identified needs to guide the scope and focus of the Youth Committee.
- ~~3-4.~~ Develop relationships with education, training providers, labor, other youth service providers and the business sector to encourage communication and joint problem-solving to best prepare youth for the local workforce.
- ~~4-5.~~ Assist in the identification of new resources and access of funding opportunities to spearhead stakeholder collaboration and response to identified needs.
- ~~5-6.~~ Serve as the primary liaison and advisory body to the ~~WDB~~ for youth advocacy and establishing youth funding priorities for WIOA funds, including reviewing effectiveness of current contractors and recommending new contractors, as appropriate.
- ~~6-7.~~ Represent the ~~WDB/Youth Council-Committee~~ by communicating youth workforce issues, activities, and needs through outreach and communication within the community.

**REPORTING:**

1. Annual review and update of local area youth needs and recommendations
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