

INDIAN AND NATIVE AMERICAN (INA) YOUTH PROGRAM

Program website: <http://www.doleta.gov/dinap/>

PERFORMANCE GOALS

| Performance Measure | Four Quarters Ending 6/30/08 | Four Quarters Ending 6/30/09 |
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| Educational Attainment for Dropouts | 108% | 52% |
| Attainment of Two or More Goals | 81% | 83% |

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Indian and Native American Supplemental Youth Services Program provides summer and year-round employment and training activities for Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian individuals between the ages of 14 and 21. Program resources are targeted to at-risk and the neediest youth who face substantial barriers to educational and employment success. This population includes high school dropouts, and youth who are basic-skills deficient.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS/INNOVATIONS

As authorized by WIA, ETA allocated \$17,820,000 of Recovery Act funds to the Native American Supplemental Youth Service Program. Training and Employment Guidance Letter 16-08 provided policy guidance and direction regarding Recovery Act funding for activities authorized under WIA Section 166 and specific instructions regarding the requirement for INA grantees to modify their strategic two-year plans. With program guidance, the Department revised and implemented data tracking systems to effectively monitor Recovery Act youth activities and expenditures.

The Recovery Act funds supported the development of work-related activities to assist youth transition between education and work. Recovery Act funding afforded the Indian and Native American youth training in green jobs, construction, and health care, resulting in credentials and certifications. The grantees fully utilized the Recovery Act funding to substantially increase the number of youth served and expand summer employment or training services.

ANALYSIS

- The Indian and Native American youth program served 5,593 youth during the report period. This is an increase of 36 participants over the same period last year in which 5,557 participants were served.
- The Educational Attainment for Dropouts rate for the report period was 52 percent compared to 108 percent during the same period one year ago. This significant reduction in outcomes may be attributed to a change in how the measure is being calculated.
- Attainment of Two or More Goals increased by two percent over the same period last year.