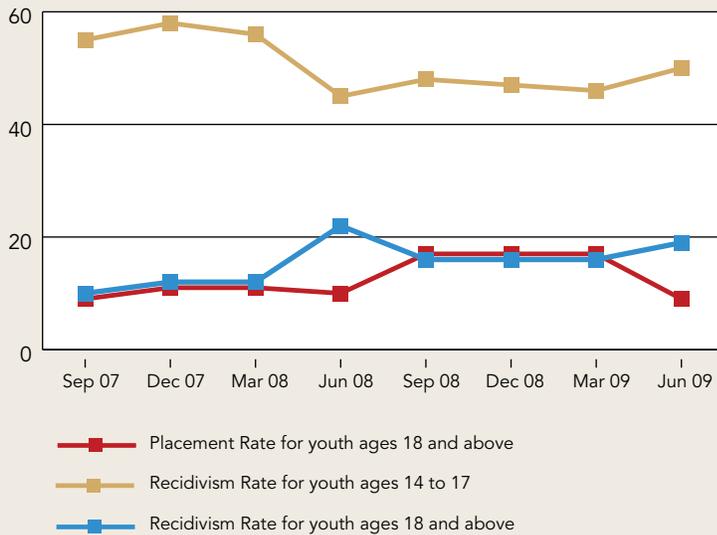


WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA) YOUTHFUL OFFENDER INITIATIVE

PERFORMANCE GOALS

Performance Measure	Quarter Ending 6/30/08	Quarter Ending 6/30/09
Placement Rate for youth ages 18 and above	48%	50%
Recidivism Rate for youth ages 14 to 17	16%	19%
Recidivism Rate for youth ages 18 and above	17%	11%

PERFORMANCE PROGRESS – PAST EIGHT QUARTERS



ANALYSIS

- The Recidivism Rate for youth ages 14 to 17 has increased three percent.
- The Recidivism Rate for youth ages 18 and above has decreased over the last year by six percent.
- The Placement Rate for youth ages 18 and above has increased two percent when compared with the same period one year ago.

Note: Changes in the Placement Rate over time reflect changes in the mix of projects being funded at any given time, rather than changes over time in the placement rates of particular projects.

Changes over time in Placement Rates also reflect whether, at a given time, there are a higher proportion of newer projects being funded versus a higher proportion of mature projects. (Newer projects tend to have lower Placement Rates than older projects.)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Youthful Offender appropriation funds a variety of projects serving both in-school and out-of-school young offenders. These projects are aimed towards supporting both young offenders and at-risk youth mainly ages 14 to 24 who are in the juvenile justice system or in the adult criminal justice system.

Youthful offender projects currently operating under this appropriation include grants to start or enhance six alternative schools for juvenile offenders, replicate six model juvenile offender projects in additional sites, start apprenticeship programs in prison in four states; reduce the involvement of youth in gangs and violence in five school districts, and serve returning young adult offenders through faith-based and secular organizations.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS/INNOVATIONS

Beneficiary Choice Grants allow young adult offenders to choose between faith-based and secular organizations to receive assistance when they return home from prison. Participants will receive case management services from the grantee, but will choose among contracted specialized service providers for more in-depth services.

DOL has also been providing technical assistance to school-based grants in gang prevention efforts.