

SHARED YOUTH VISION PILOT PROJECTS

STATE: DELAWARE

PROJECT TITLE: Delaware Shared Youth Vision Project

TARGET POPULATION: Youth aging out of foster care

GEOGRAPHIC AREA: City of Wilmington

FUNDING: \$55,000

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Delaware will develop a vocational system for youth aging out of foster care in the City of Wilmington that addresses the four pillars of the Shared Youth Vision framework – alternative education, demand-driven training systems, targeting the neediest youth, and improving service provision. The process developed will be used later to replicate similar systems throughout the state for the targeted population and other at-risk youth populations. Three strategies will be employed: 1) complete a comprehensive gap analysis of organizations that serve the target population; 2) create an interdisciplinary coalition to strategize and integrate the service delivery system; and 3) improve data collection and sharing to ensure that information is captured comprehensively, consistently, accurately, and then communicated effectively.

LIST OF PARTNER AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS: Delaware Department of Education, Delaware Department of Labor, Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Delaware Department of Services to Children, Youth and Their Families, Delaware Workforce Investment Board and Youth Council, Delaware State Housing Authority, Delaware Chapter of the AFL-CIO, Vocational Rehabilitative Services, City of Wilmington Parks and Recreation, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Delaware, Job Corps, Division of Family Services' Youth Advisory Council, West End Neighborhood House

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