

## Cicely's Comment Corner:

All materials from our Youth Offender Pre-conference Grantee Meeting and 3 *Building on Success* conference workshops can be viewed on the Youth Offender Collaborative Workspace at: [www.etaworkspace.doleta.gov](http://www.etaworkspace.doleta.gov)

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## ONLINE RESOURCES



### **Career Voyages: Student Career Clusters**

Students can use career clusters to investigate a wide range of career choices. The career cluster approach makes it easier for students to understand the relevance of their required courses and helps them select their elective courses more wisely. Included in the Career Clusters tool section are Sample Plans of Study should serve as guides, along with other career planning materials, to map out an educational and career plan. Courses listed in these sample plans should be individualized to meet each student's educational and career goals. All plans should be customized to meet high school graduation requirements as well as college entrance requirements in the student's state and local community. Featured cluster sites include: High Growth, Health Science, Information Technology, and Manufacturing Industries. Please visit: <http://www.careervoyages.com/students-careerclusters.cfm>.

### **Building on Success**

The U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) National Conference entitled "Building on Success: Providing Today's Youth with Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow" concluded today with an address by Attorney General Alberto Gonzales at ceremony commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AMBER Alert Awareness Day. Attended by over 2,000 participants the conference provided a platform for three Labor sponsored workshops. Breaking Down the "Service Wall" When Working With Young Offenders, Pipeline Analysis: Determining Program Effectiveness on a Real-Time Basis and Michael Toops and High-Growth Job Training and the U.S. Department of Labor. The Department also participated in a reoccurring workshop entitled, Resources and More Resources: Federal Agencies Each Share Resources from Their Agency.

## PUBLICATIONS



### **Youth at Risk: The Role of Skills Development in Facilitating the Transition to Work**

The issues of youth unemployment and underemployment have to the forefront in recent years. This paper begins with the premise that, clearly, young people are at a greater risk in obtaining and retaining employment. Education and training are important means of addressing youth employability, and much of the literature in this area highlights a macro-level approach to tackle the problems. Focusing on tends to direct response at mainstream youth and global issues. Vulnerable youth are, to a great extent, ignored in this level of analysis. This paper seeks to address the issue of skills development for youth-at-risk, including the economically vulnerable and socially excluded. To view complete paper, please visit: <http://www.ilo.org/public/english/employment/skills/youth/download/wp19.pdf>.

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