



COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
MUNICIPALITY OF PONCE
PUBLIC NOTICE
PROGRAM YEARS 2023-2024, 2024-2025
WIOA YOUTH PROGRAM

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA, P L 113-128 of July 22, 2014) establishes in section 123 that assigned funds for a local area must be used to identify service providers for the youth activities through a competitive proposal system.

In accordance with the service requirements established by the WIOA Act in section 129 and 20 CFR Part 681 we are requesting service providers to develop proposals in the activities described below. The purpose of the Youth Program is to provide this population with the tools to continue or return to school, help in the transition from school to work, and develop their employability potential. The WIOA Law establishes that the population that is obliged to attend the Youth Program are: young people between the ages of 14 to 21 years of age, who are in school (in school) and young people between the ages of 16 to 24 years of age who are out of school (out school).

Section 129 (c) (2) of the WIOA Act establishes that the Youth Program must be ruled by the following 14 elements:

Proposal No. 1

Element 6

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES, in accordance with section 129 (c) (2) (F) and (20 CFR § 681.520, §681.530). **(25 hours)**

Element 11

FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION, in accordance with section 129 (c) (2) (K) and (20 CFR § 681.500). **(25 hours)**

Element 13

SERVICES THAT PROVIDE LABOR MARKET AND EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION, JOBS WITH OCCUPATIONAL DEMAND, COUNSELING AND CAREER EXPLORATION, in accordance with section 129 (c) (2) (M) and (20 CFR § 681.460) (a) (13). **(25 hours)**

Element 14

POSTSECONDARY PREPARATION AND TRANSITION ACTIVITIES, in accordance with section 129 (c) (2) (N) and (20 CFR § 681.460) (a) (14). **(25 hours)**

Elements 6, 11, 13 and 14 will be presented together in a single proposal, with a total of 100 contact hours.

Proposal No. 2

Element 1

TUTORING, STUDY SKILLS TRAINING, INSTRUCTION AND DROPOUT PREVENTION AND RECOVERY STRATEGIES, in accordance with section 129 (c) (2) (A) and (20 CFR § 681.460) (a) (1)) **(105 hours)**

Element 12

ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS TRAINING, in accordance with section 129 (c) (2) (L) and (20 CFR § 681.560). **(55 hours)**

Elements 1 and 12 will be presented together in a single proposal, with a total of 160 contact hours.

Proposal No. 3

Element 2

ALTERNATIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL SERVICES AND DROPOUT RECOVERY, in accordance with section 129 (c) (2) (B) and (20 CFR § 681.460) (a) (2)). **(810 hours plus 16 additional more)**

Element 8

ADULT MENTORING, in accordance with section 129 (c) (2) (H) and (20 CFR § 681.490). **(Details will be given during face-to-face meeting).**

Elements 2 and 8 will be presented together in a single proposal, with a total of 866 contact hours.

Proposal No. 4

Element 5

EDUCATION OFFERED CONCURRENTLY WITH WORKFORCE PREPARATION AND TRAINING FOR A SPECIFIC OCCUPATION, in accordance with section 129 (c) (2) (E) and (20 CFR § 681.630).

This element will be presented individually with a total of 255 hours.

Proposal No. 5

Element 10

COMPREHENSIVE GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING, in accordance with section 129 (c) (2) (J) and (20 CFR § 681.510).

This element will be presented individually in a proposal. (Details will be given during face-to-face meeting).

Element 3

PAID AND UNPAID WORK EXPERIENCE, in accordance with section 129 (c) (2) (C) and (20 CFR § 681.600).

Element 4

OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS TRINING, in accordance with section 129 (c) (2) (D) and (20 CFR § 681.540).

Element 7

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, in accordance with section 129 (c) (2) (G) and (20 CFR § 681.570).

Element 9

FOLLOW-UP SERVICES, in accordance with section 129 (c) (2) (I) and (20 CFR § 681.580).

Elements 3, 4, 7, and 9 will be offered through the Youth Program.

The number of participants to serve in each activity during the summer and the regular year will be subject to the availability of funds.

The application form and instruction guide for the Youth Program Proposal; program years 2023-2025, will be sent via email on **Thursday, January 26, 2023**, at 10:00 am, after the face-to-face meeting that will be offered on our premises to all service providers interested in participating in the competitive process.


In order to be notified for the meeting, the service provider must inform their interest in participating in this process to the following email: idalie.cedeno@ponce.pr.gov

The deadline to submit the documents is on or before Tuesday, February 28, 2023, until 3:00pm, on the second floor of the Local Area of Ponce, located at Calle Isabel # 61-63 in Ponce (in front of the Isabel Segunda parking lot).

Any proposal without following the guidelines, missing or expired regulatory documents will be considered not submitted.

The Workforce Development Area of Ponce will award or not, one or all of the offers that correspond to the best interests for the Program, without necessarily having to take into consideration, as a determining factor, their cost.

For more information, please call: (787) 840-2900 ext. 4022.


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