

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ELIGIBLE SERVICES PROVIDERS FOR IN-SCHOOL AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH  
YOUTH PROGRAM AP 2024-2026**

FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PROGRAM:  
IN-SCHOOL YOUTH: \$227,843.73 (APPROXIMATE)  
OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH: \$227,843.73 (APPROXIMATE)

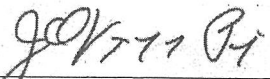
The Local Workforce Development Board of Conexión Laboral Area Local Sur Central, invites suppliers, individuals, organizations, educational entities, community-based organizations and for-profit or non-profit corporations (hereinafter entities) to present their proposals to be part of the Registry of Youth Service Providers, corresponding to the 2024 to 2026 Program Year, in accordance with the new service requirements established by the Workforce Opportunities and innovation Act (*WIOA*). The new services provided in Section 129 of Title I of the *WIOA* are aimed at "Out of School Youth", between the ages of 16 to 24 years and "In School Youth", between the ages of 14 to 21 years. Emphasis will be placed on "Youth Out of School."

To belong to our registry, they must use as a guide the elements of the Youth Program provided in Section 129 © (2) of the *WIOA* Act. Among the service priorities of the Youth Program, entities are encouraged to take into consideration, when drafting their proposals, the following aspects within their offerings:

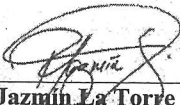
1. Tutoring, study skills training, instruction, dropout prevention strategies, and remedial strategies leading to completion of the requirements for a high school diploma or equivalent (including a recognized certificate of attendance or similar document for youth with disabilities) or for a recognized post-secondary credential.
2. Alternative High School Services, or dropout recovery services.
3. Work experiences, with or without pay, with an academic and occupational component, which may include:
  - a. Summer Employment Opportunities and other employment opportunities available during the school year;
  - b. Pre-learning programs
  - c. Internships and "Job Shadowing"
  - d. On the Job Training Opportunities. (OJT)
4. Occupational Skills Training, which must include a priority consideration for training programs leading to a postsecondary credential, which in turn is aligned with industrial sectors and occupations in demand in the local area.
5. Education offered concurrently with and in the same context, workforce readiness activities and trainings for a specific occupation in an occupational group.
6. Leadership Development Opportunity, which may include community service and peer-centered activities, which in turn encourage responsibility and other positive social and civic behaviours.
7. Adult Mentoring Service for the period of participation and subsequently, for no less than twelve (12) months.
8. Follow-up service for no less than twelve (12) months, after completing the participation.
9. Comprehensive Counselling and Orientation, which may include counselling and referrals related to drug and alcohol abuse.
10. Financial Literacy Education.
11. Entrepreneurial Skills Training
12. Services that provide information on the Labor market and Jobs in industry sectors and occupations in demand in local areas, such as career awareness, career counselling, and career exploration services.
13. Activities that help and prepare youth for the transition to postsecondary education and training.

**On Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 2:00 pm, at the One Stop Center, 33 José I. Quintón St. Coamo, PR, an in person meeting will be held for all those interested in forming the Youth Provider Registry.**

The Guide for the presentation of proposals will be available via email [karroyo@aldsurcentral.org](mailto:karroyo@aldsurcentral.org) from the moment of this publication. The deadline for submitting supplier files and proposals will be **Thursday, May 16, 2024, until 3:00 pm**. Proposals will be submitted to the Conexión Laboral Sur Central Central Office, located at 27 Bobby Capó St., Coamo, Puerto Rico.

  
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