

CONVENE LOCAL LEADERSHIP TO TAKE ACTION

Youth Councils must recruit & support appropriate members.

They also:

- Engage Council in decision-making & action
- Establish effective governance & committee structure
- Leverage youth-serving resources
- Educate leadership on system & lessons learned

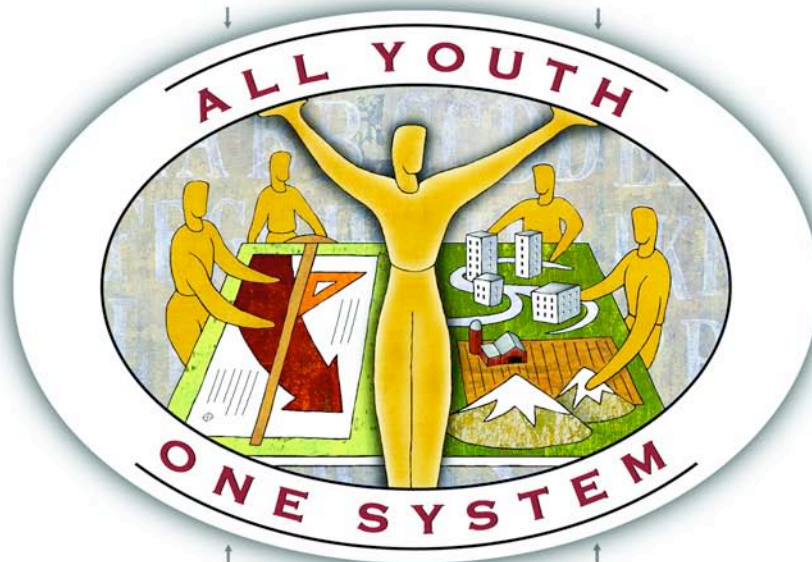


COORDINATE YOUTH SERVICES

Youth Councils must ensure effective implementation of WIA's 10 elements.

They also:

- Map all services available to youth in the community
- Develop framework for youth services
- Define single year-round, comprehensive, coherent system
- Intentionally link youth-serving organizations (including schools)



PROMOTE POLICIES TO SUSTAIN EFFECTIVE PRACTICES

Youth Councils must make formal recommendations to the local WIB.

They also:

- Guide & develop broad youth policy
- Advocate for and with youth
- Educate leadership & generate public awareness
- Catalyze shift from programs to one system



MEASURE QUALITY & IMPACT OF LOCAL EFFORTS

Youth Councils must assess, recommend, evaluate and hold providers accountable.

They also:

- Encourage youth involvement in decision-making
- Benchmark best practices
- Set quality standards based on best practices
- Motivate individuals, agencies & communities to improve quality of youth services

