

COMPREHENSIVE GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING

This policy is to provide guidance to the local offices as they implement Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling into their youth program. Comprehensive guidance and counseling is one of the fourteen youth elements that must be made available to youth participants.

Comprehensive guidance and counseling provides individualized counseling to participants. This may include drug and alcohol abuse counseling, mental health counseling, behavioral management, and referrals to partner programs, as appropriate to the needs of the individual youth. When referring participants to counseling, the local youth program must coordinate with the organization it refers to in order to ensure continuity of services.

If a participant already has an established relationship with a counselor, DLR may use that counselor to provide this service. If the participant does not have an established relationship with a counselor, the employment specialists can reach out to a counseling provider in the community to establish an agreement on behalf of the participant. If there is a cost for the counseling, local office support services should be utilized if other resources are not available.

WIOA LAW §129(c)(2)
20 CFR §681.510
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