

YOUTH COMMITTEE

In June 2015, the youth program specialist asked the board to vote on the formation of the youth standing committee. Under the Workforce Investment Act, a Youth Council with required membership was required. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, eliminates this requirement for the Local Workforce Development Boards (WDB). Standing committees to provide information and to assist with planning, operational, oversight, and other issues relating to the provision of services to youth is recommended. If the Local WDB does not designate a standing youth committee, it retains responsibility for all aspects of youth formula programs.

The South Dakota Workforce Development Council voted to approve:

The Youth Committee remains informal and continues to work with the youth program specialist as an advisory group.

Youth leads will be identified in each of the local offices, if appropriate. These youth leads work the youth program in their office and community and are familiar with programmatic opportunities and challenges. The youth leads will attend the youth committee meetings when available. Youth leads provide insight to the youth program specialist and youth committee as needed.

The Youth Program specialist will gather a variety of professionals with experience in working with youth, youth leads, parents and youth for a youth committee meeting at least twice a year. When possible, a WDC member will attend youth committee meetings and provide summaries to the WDC.

In accordance with the public comments released, which states if committees do not have the requirement membership outlined in §681.110, the group may not call themselves a standing committee. In summer of 2016, members of the youth committee, youth leads identified in each of the local offices, and local office managers voted to name the youth committee, South Dakota Youth Employment Services (SD YES).

**20 CFR §681.100, §681.110
SDDL R Policy §2.3
April 1, 2017**