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BEST PRACTICES AND MODEL PARTNERSHIPS FOR SERVING OSY

The California Workforce Development Board (State Board) and state level partners are developing a series of policy briefs intended to provide Local Workforce Development Boards and their local and regional planning partners with useful information on best practices and model partnerships. These policy briefs may be useful for local and regional plan development and will address a number of policy matters, including suggested ways to serve populations with barriers to employment and to implement policies emphasized in the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* (WIOA) State Unified Strategic Workforce Development Plan.

The purpose of this brief is to highlight initiatives, best practices, and coordination efforts in California and throughout the U.S. that have demonstrated success in improving training and employment outcomes for out-of-school youth (OSY) with barriers to quality employment. The policy brief was developed by the State Board in partnership with the California Department of Social Services and the California Department of Education.

This brief includes the following information:

- A synopsis of the characteristics and societal impact of OSY and the challenges of serving this population.
- An overview of best practices gleaned from current research on OSY service strategies and descriptions of several model programs.
- A menu of resources.

This policy brief and future briefs can be found by visiting the State Board's Policy Briefs webpage.

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