

YST @ DLI

Youth Skills Training

Program Overview 2021

What is the Youth Skills Training (YST) Program?

- Supporting partnerships between industry and education
- Creating opportunities for students to learn about industries
- Providing industry related classes and safety training
- Establishing safe, healthy and meaningful paid work experiences
- Developing a pipeline of future talent

GOALS:

1. Support the creation of local partnerships

High Schools

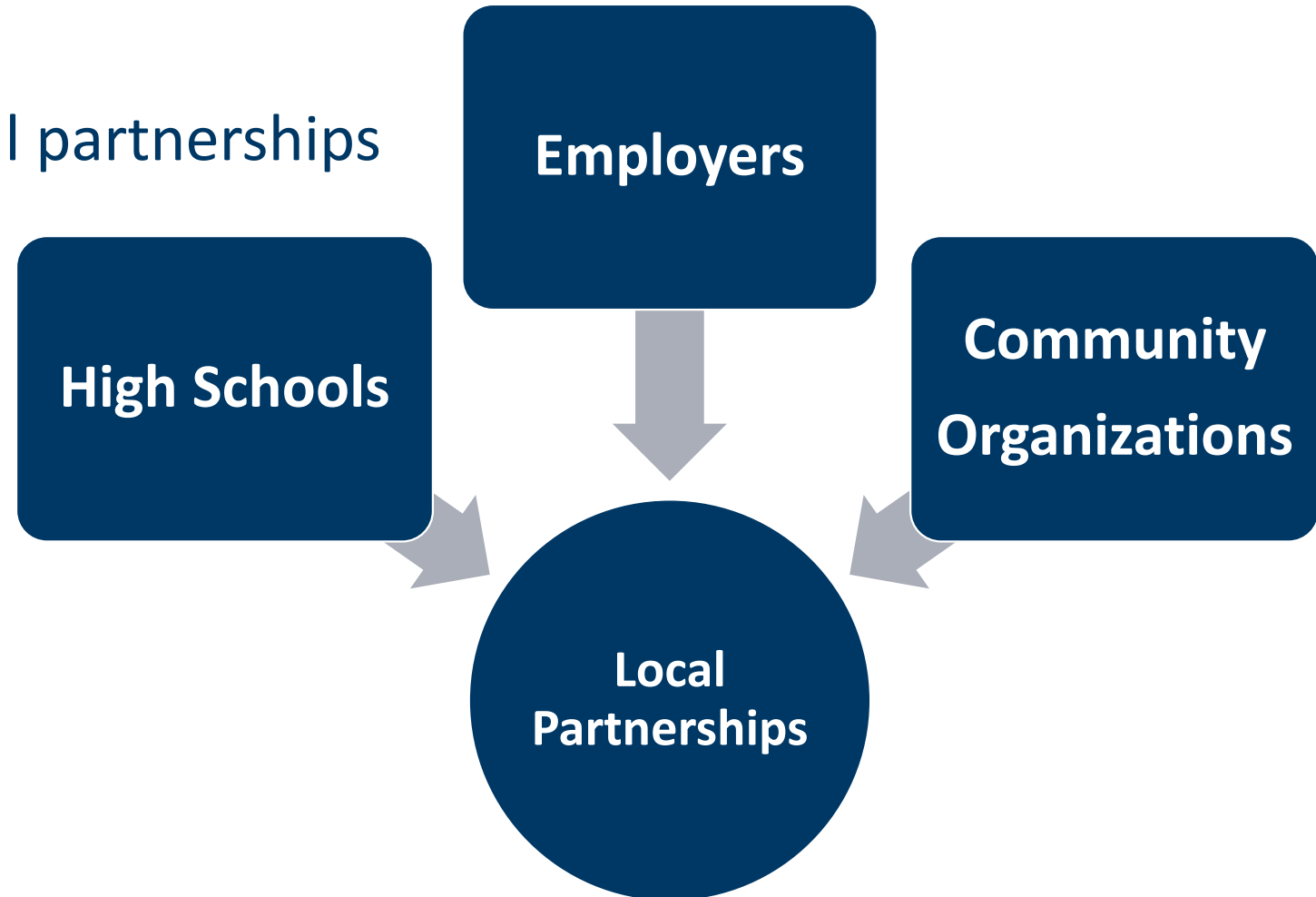
Employers

Chambers of Commerce

Workforce Groups

Nonprofit organization

Postsecondary institutions



GOALS:

2. introduce students to careers in high-growth, high-demand industries
3. prepare students for successful careers
4. address the shortage of skilled employees



Exposure

Education

Experience

Learn & Earn Model

Develop paid work experiences for 16 and 17-year-old “student learners” to participate in safe, healthy and meaningful on-the-job training at employer sites



YST program requirements:

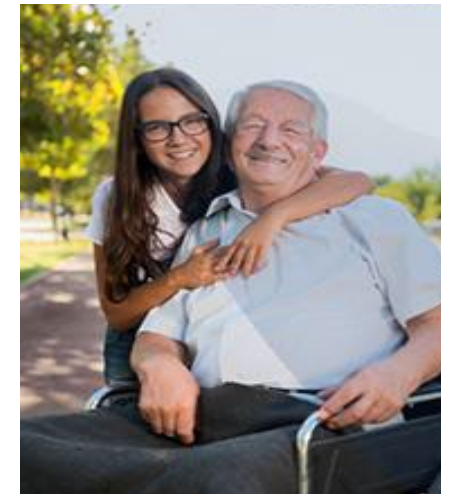
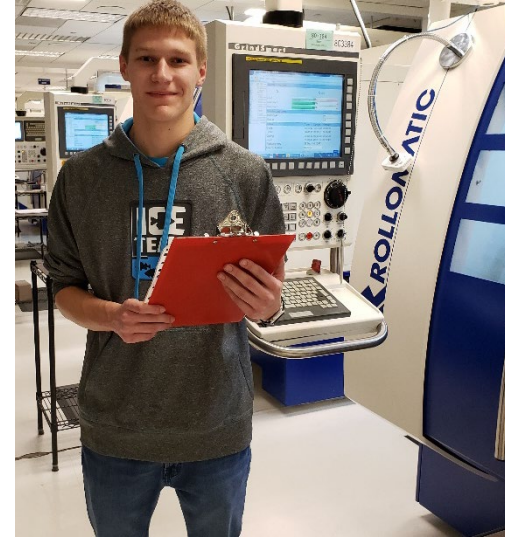
1. Industry exposure opportunities for students of all ages
2. Industry related classroom instruction for HS credit
3. Industry recognized credentials/certifications
4. Paid work experience for students over 16 years of age
5. At least 80% of students graduate when eligible
6. At least 60% of students receive an industry credential



By meeting YST requirements and receiving approval from DLI, student learners are allowed to work in industries otherwise prohibited by child-labor laws.

YST eligible industries:

- ✓ **Advanced Manufacturing**
- ✓ **Agriculture**
- ✓ **Automotive**
- ✓ **Health Care**
- ✓ **Information Technology**



Four components of YST program support:

Outreach

Consultation

**Employer
Approval**

**Grant
Administration**

YST Program Grant Funding:

- Total of \$1,000,000 in grant funding awarded each year
- Grants up to \$100,000 awarded to local partnerships
- Two-year grant period
- To date, 38 YST grants have been awarded throughout the state
- Next YST grant opportunity in the Fall of 2022

YST Grant money can be used for:

- Marketing and advertising programs
- Recruiting schools, employers and students
- Employer training
- Student transportation
- Staff to coordinate and monitor program outcomes
- Student credentials/certifications

*****Funds cannot be used to pay student wages*****



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