Dear Youth Community,

The recording for the Academic Skills Assessment Requirements Youth Issues Webinar, presented on March 22, 2019, is available. Details on how to access the recording are provided in the announcement below.

If you are considering using any valid and reliable academic skills assessment(s) that are not approved by the National Reporting System, please share the assessment names with the Youth Team at YouthTeam@labor.ny.gov so we can share your expertise with other youth providers across the state.

Best Regards,

Youth Program Development Team

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Youth Issues Webinar Follow-Up

| Topic: Academic Skills Assessment Requirements |
| Presenter: Rosemary Matt, Director of Accountability, NYS Department of Education and NYSDOL Youth Program Development Team |
| Date/Time: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 9:30 am |
| Length of Recording: 90 Minutes |
| Follow-Up Resources: Webinar Presentation |
| Description: The Test for Adult Basic Education (TABE) 9/10 cannot be used after June 30, 2019. The National Reporting System approved TABE 11/12 is significantly different and can be used to document the Educational Functioning Level (EFL) |
gain under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Measurable Skills Gain (MSG) indicator of performance.

EFL gain is only one of the five ways to document MSG for WIOA Title I Youth Programs. Unlike the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), there is no literacy/numeracy performance measure for Youth Programs, reducing the requirement to measure EFL gains for all youth participants. On the contrary, WIOA Title II or Adult Education programs are required to evaluate EFL gain of all their participants. Adult Education programs use the TABE assessment to measure EFL gain and are transitioning from TABE 9/10 to the TABE 11/12.

Join us on this webinar to learn from Adult Education program experts about the significant changes from TABE 9/10 to TABE 11/12. We will also clarify WIOA requirements, so you can develop informed local policies for implementing cost-effective and less rigorous academic skills assessments. Unlike Adult Education programs, EFL gain applies only to a small number of WIOA Youth Program participants, underscoring establishment of local partnerships to document EFL gain, instead of pre- and post-testing all youth participants.

Pre-webinar review:

- Review youth participant assessment requirements in WIOA regulations (20 CFR 681.290, page 56400, attached)
- Assessments section in Training and Employment Guidance Letter 21-16 (pages 7-8)
- Email specific questions to YouthTeam@labor.ny.gov with subject “Youth Assessments Webinar Questions.”

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