From a Request for Proposals (RFP) issued in Spring 2013 the Atlanta Regional Workforce Development Board (ARWDB) approved a set of publicly and competitively procured youth services provider organizations recommended by its Youth Council. These organizations offer free services, funded by the Workforce Innovative and Opportunity Act (WIOA), for the Atlanta Regional Workforce Area in Cherokee, Clayton, Douglas, Fayette, Gwinnett, Henry and Rockdale counties through the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC). Services are for WIOA-eligible youth who have barriers to education, training and employment, and are 14-24 years old. Programs focus on out-of-school and in-school youth who are dropouts, or are in the last year(s) of high school, those who are about to transition into the real world of advanced education, training and employment, and those from particular youth target groups, such as youth with disabilities, immigrant population youth, and youth who are in the foster care or the juvenile justice systems. Some of the programs below are designed to serve specific target populations, within the broader WIOA eligibility and target parameters.

To learn more about ARWDB Youth Programs and services provided by these organizations, please contact them directly.

AVPRIDE (ASSOCIATION OF VILLAGE PRIDE, INC.)

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PROJECT SUMMARY: AVPRIDE in partnership with the Fayette Youth Workforce Coalition serves youth who are ages 14-24, economically disadvantaged and have barriers to employment. AVPRIDE provides the following components: career exploration program; leadership development; academic tutoring; mentoring; support services; guidance and counseling; financial literacy; workforce readiness; paid and un-paid work experience; post-secondary education and training; alternative secondary school (i.e. GED) and entrepreneurial skills training to ISY in need of additional assistance to graduate and transition to post-secondary education, training or employment and OSY, as mandated under WIOA, that require additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure employment.

COUNTIES TO BE SERVED/SERVICE LOCATION: FAYETTE – primary service location in Fayetteville.
BPSOS

Type of Organization: A local affiliate of a national private, non-profit organization serving the Asian American population through youth and health services.

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PROJECT SUMMARY: BPSOS, through its Asian Youth Empowerment Program, provides services which include tutoring, counseling and mentoring, GED classes, employment experiences (paid and unpaid), job and career workshops, leadership development, and follow-up support services. There is a special emphasis on providing services to at-risk, low income Vietnamese and other Asian immigrant and refugee youth. BPSOS’s overarching goal for this program is to close the gap in services for Asian youth and help Asian youth achieve academic, social and career success.

COUNTIES TO BE SERVED/SERVICE LOCATION: GWINNETT – primary service location in Norcross.

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CEEK TO FULFILL

Type of Organization: A private, non-profit, community-based organization.

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PROJECT SUMMARY: CEEK to Fulfill is a youth development program which helps disadvantaged youth with secondary and post-secondary educational goals, leadership and life skills training, career exploration, and work/job readiness training. Please refer to our website for more detailed information.

COUNTIES TO BE SERVED/SERVICE LOCATION: ROCKDALE – primary service location in Conyers.

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CENTER FOR PAN ASIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES (CPACS)

Type of Organization: A private, non-profit, community-based organization.

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PROJECT SUMMARY: “CPACS Gwinnett Jobs for Pay” provides services to Hispanic out-of-school youth age 16 – 24 years old, and to at-risk Hispanic out of school youth in Gwinnett County through tutorial and academic enrichment programs, GED prep, work experiences with stipends or wages, employability and occupational skills training, hands-on experiences in real job interviews and careers which include guest speakers to discuss career and the educational preparation for a career in their field, as well as field trips to experience professionals at work, and assist the youth in receiving career certificates. Career exploration activities are incorporated to assist youths in developing a “career dream” and create awareness among youths of an importance of academic success to achieving their career goals.

COUNTIES TO BE SERVED/SERVICE LOCATION: GWINNETT – primary service location in Gwinnett Place Mall, 2100 Pleasant Hill Road, Suite 366, Duluth, GA 30096, Phone 770-232-5200, Contact Jacinto Hall.

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT PROGRAM

Type of Organization: A program of the Clayton County school system.

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PROJECT SUMMARY: Services funded by WIA center on assisting all out of school youth and young adults between the ages of 16 – 24 with an extraordinary opportunity to improve educational goals for the district coupled with career options and work experience. It’s an integrated Education and Workforce system that drives out of school youth and young adults back to school and links diverse talent to businesses.

COUNTIES TO BE SERVED/SERVICE LOCATION: CLAYTON, HENRY – primary service location in Jonesboro.
CHEROKEE YOUTH WORKS (CYW), CHEROKEE FOCUS

Type of Organization: A program of Cherokee FOCUS, a Family Connections partnership, which is a state-supported, private, non-profit, community-focused organization. (Provided through a contract with the City of Holly Springs.)

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PROJECT SUMMARY: CYW is a youth development program designed to assist disadvantaged youth through educational support, career exploration, work readiness and personal development. Services offered include GED preparation, work readiness classes, paid and unpaid work experiences, life skills workshops and leadership opportunities. Along with these services adult mentors provide guidance and counseling to youth facing the sometimes difficult transition from adolescence to adulthood. CYW serves youth aged 16 to 24.

COUNTIES TO BE SERVED/SERVICE LOCATION: CHEROKEE – primary service location in Holly Springs.

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CONNECTING HENRY

Type of Organization: A Family Connections partnership, which is a state-supported, private, non-profit, community-focused organization.

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PROJECT SUMMARY: Connecting Henry, Inc. provides the following services to youth by partnering with organizations such as the Henry County Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club and the Henry County Board of Education: community collaborations; GED class: GED preparation instruction, one-on-one and small group tutoring; Career Preparation: resume writing, mock interviews, business ethics and etiquette, leadership; Life Skills: money management, time management, etc.; Youth Work Program: paid and unpaid internships, mentoring, apprenticeship programs; Counseling: drug and alcohol, anger management, health awareness, parenting; Credentials: CPR & First Aid certification and other occupational certification.

COUNTIES TO BE SERVED/SERVICE LOCATION: HENRY – primary service location in McDonough.

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GWINNETT ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM (GAP)

Type of Organization: A program of Gwinnett Technical College.
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PROJECT SUMMARY: The Gwinnett Advancement Program is a youth development program that helps youth through education, college and career exploration, work readiness, and personal development. Out-of-school youth benefit from services that focus on college preparation, work-readiness soft skills, career-related internship opportunities and training options, leadership development, and GED preparation. Additionally, drop-out prevention strategies and services support in–school youth identified through Gwinnett County Public Schools based on need. Transition into college and/or employment following GED attainment or high school graduation is emphasized.

COUNTIES TO BE SERVED/SERVICE LOCATION: GWINNETT – primary service location at the Gwinnett Technical College.

GWINNETT COUNTY YOUTH PROJECT, CORVEL INC.

Type of Organization: A program of CORVEL Corporation, a private, for-profit organization and WIOA One-Stop operator.
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PROJECT SUMMARY: Youth activities are offered in close coordination with a WIOA One-Stop Center, which can be a doorway for advanced occupational skills training at area post-secondary schools. Other activities for out-of-school youth include individualized work experiences and internships, as well as regular full-time employment, and instruction in career planning and work readiness, Georgia Work Ready certification preparation, and basic skills remediation. For dropouts there is GED test preparation assistance.

COUNTIES TO BE SERVED/SERVICE LOCATION: GWINNETT – primary service location at the ARWDB Career Resource Center in Duluth.
HEARTS TO NOURISH HOPE (HTNH)

Type of Organization: A private, non-profit, community-based organization.
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PROJECT SUMMARY: Services include career pathways preparation, GED preparation assistance, basic skills instruction, life and work maturity skills, computer training, to assist youth in education, entrepreneurship and employment. A wide variety of employment opportunities in different settings are offered. Provides after school programming, including drama, art, video production and music education/production. Services are for both in-school and out-of-school youth, who will mix work and education within a customized schedule.

COUNTIES TO BE SERVED/SERVICE LOCATION: CLAYTON, GWINNETT – primary service location just south of Riverdale; various sites in Gwinnet.

PEPP, Inc.

Type of Organization: A private, non-profit, community-based organization.
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PROJECT SUMMARY: Provides services for youth, (16-24) which includes educational support and post-secondary direction, and GED preparation. Assistance for youth that have dropped out of high school or graduated HS/GED for redirection and future planning. Work place literacy, financial literacy, mentoring, work evaluations, work adjustment, and job readiness skills for finding meaningful work and careers. Career exploration emphasizes educational and work experiences directed toward developing essential and meaningful employment skills. Life skills and leadership training are provided as a means of helping youth transition successfully into adulthood. Serves out-of-school youth. Youth with disabilities are a focus of this project.

COUNTIES TO BE SERVED/SERVICE LOCATION: DOUGLAS – primary service location just north of I-20, Exit 37.
THE BRIDGE ACADEMY

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PROJECT SUMMARY: The Bridge Academy (TBA) is a full-time High School Diploma and GED Prep academic, vocational and leadership development program serving low-income youth in south metropolitan Atlanta. TBA offers a nontraditional path for youth, 16-24 years old, who struggle academically in traditional public school and are off track for graduation, including youth who have already dropped out. The Academy's progressive staff and partners, student-focused setting, project-based and technology-based curriculum reveal the students' untapped potential, exposing them to unlimited possibilities in academics and in the pursuit of nontraditional career fields. Postsecondary education, hands on training, or career and industry-recognized certifications, make possible the achievement of lifelong career goals. TBA exposes each young person's ability to thrive academically, socially, personally and professionally.

COUNTIES TO BE SERVED/SERVICE LOCATION: CLAYTON — primary service location in College Park, just north of Clayton County.

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