

Myth Busters 2.0

WIOA American Job Center (AJC) Services



Myths are misconceptions that interfere with the ability to fully implement an integrated workforce development system as envisioned under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Myths may result from misunderstanding laws and regulations and from lack of experience with other workforce partners. Listed below are some myths and the facts that provide the real story:

MOU/IFA

Myth:

Required partners do not have to sign memoranda of understanding (MOUs) and do not have to contribute to infrastructure funding agreements (IFAs) if they do not want to participate in the AJC.

Fact:

All required partners must sign the MOU and contribute to the IFA. Each required one-stop partner program must: (1) Enter into an MOU with the Local Workforce Development Board (WDB) relating to the operation of the AJC network; and (2) Use a portion of its funds, to the extent consistent with the relevant authorizing statute and with the Uniform Guidance (requiring, among other things, that costs are allowable, reasonable, necessary, and allocable) to provide applicable career services and work collaboratively with the State and Local WDBs to establish and maintain the one-stop delivery system. This includes jointly funding the one-stop infrastructure costs through partner contributions that are allocated based on each partner's proportionate use of the one-stop center and relative benefits received.

For more information on MOUs and IFAs, please see the U.S. Departments of Labor and Education's joint policy guidance, *Infrastructure Funding of the One-Stop Delivery System*:

TEGL 17-16 at:

https://ion.workforcegps.org/resources/2017/01/30/16/24/TEGL_17-16_Infrastructure

OCTAE PM 17-3 at:

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/pi/AdultEd/octae-program-memo-17-3.pdf>

RSA TAC 17-03 at:

<https://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/rsa/subregulatory/tac-17-03.pdf>