



RFP Technical Assistance – Questions and Answers
TANF Youth Development
Title I In-School Youth Program

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1. Historical Participant Volume by County

To help establish realistic enrollment, caseload and staffing, can Advance Central PA provide historical TANF Youth Development ISY participation data by county, and if available by school district or CTE connection? This would ideally include the approximate number of participants carried over from one program year to the next, the number of new participants enrolled annually, the number of participants who typically exit or complete services during the year, and the total unduplicated number of participants served in recent program years.

Answer:

The proposed program models in response to this RFP may differ significantly from the current model that is in place. Therefore, historical program data and background is provided for contextual reference only.

The attached report, **Q&A Attachment 1**, shows the number of students newly enrolled as well as total enrollments with carryovers in program year 24. The current model has two distinct tracks including long-term registrations with multiple qualifications and services extending multiple years (referred to as “comprehensive” on the attached report) and short-term registrations with just one qualification and services that can end before the year is up (referred to as “specialized” on the attached report.)

Proposed program designs and goals do not need to align with the current model or historical data. Advance Central PA welcomes new ideas that most effectively result in clear outcomes for students.

In addition to the attached report, please see the following historical data.

Program Year (PY)	New Enrollments	Carryovers from previous PY
PY24 (7/1/24- 6/30/25)	140	142
PY25 (7/1/25- 6/30/26)	163	217

2. Current Participant Transition Count and Distribution

Can Advance Central PA provide an updated estimate of how many currently enrolled TANF Youth Development ISY participants the selected provider should expect to transition and continue serving? If available, can Advance Central PA provide an estimated breakdown by county, school district, and grade level?

Answer: There are 173 TANF Youth Development participants whose program enrollments carried over from last program year to the current program year 2026 (7/1/26- 6/30/27). See **Q&A Attachment 2** for detail. Be advised that this data can and will change between now and the planned contract start date. Also note the current model has two distinct tracks including long-term registrations with multiple qualifications and services extending multiple years (referred to as “comprehensive” on the attached report) and short-term registrations with just one qualification and services that can end before the year is up (referred to as “specialized” on the attached report.)

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Respondents should keep in mind they need a plan to successfully transition participants into the newly approved program model.

3. Pre-Enrollment Outreach and Career Awareness Activities

May proposers treat pre-enrollment information sessions, general outreach presentations, employer panels, Path to Careers demonstrations, and career awareness activities as outreach and recruitment activities that can occur before TANF YD eligibility is fully determined, provided that individualized TANF funded services such as case management, Goals and Needs Assessments, Career Pathway Plans, supportive services, paid work experience, and documented participant services are delivered only after eligibility and enrollment are complete?

Answer: It is understood that the program will need to recruit participants and Advance Central PA is seeking technical assistance from the Commonwealth so that we can best provide a thorough and accurate response. Generally speaking, group activities that include delivery of a service prior to everyone in the group being made eligible is unallowable with TANF YD funds. For this reason, Advance Central PA makes competitive funds, such as Business Education Partnership grants mentioned in the RFP available to the provider for group career awareness activities prior to TANF YD qualification.

A more detailed response will be published upon receipt of technical assistance from the state.

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4. Are tables, bullets and columns allowed in the Response Template?

Answer: Tables, bullet points, and columns may be used within the response template when appropriate and when they improve the clarity, organization, or quality of the response. Special attention should be paid to questions that specifically request a narrative format. In those instances, please ensure that the response is in a narrative format. Additionally, page limits still apply regardless of the formatting chosen.