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## Area 11 Approved Training Provider Information Session (5/29/24)

1. Did you say your new name is Aspire?
  - Yes, The Workforce Development Board has re-named itself ASPYR
2. What is the hierarchy of command between OMJ and ASPYR?
  - Aspyr is the governing body of the OhioMeansJobs Center.
3. Sorry if I missed it - what was the name prior to ASPYR?
  - The Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio (WDBCO)
4. Is ASPYR expanding to other regions across the State, or does it remain focused solely on Central Ohio?
  - ASPYR is the designated WDB for Franklin County only
5. Does the WIOA program (through OMJ) provide both adult and youth learning funds or just adult?
  - OhioMeansJobs only provides WIOA training funds for Adult and Dislocated Workers. Youth funds through Achieve More and Prosper are provided through our seven contracted youth providers (Goodwill, Academy for Urban Schools, Columbus Literacy Council, St. Stephens Community House, LeadTheWay Learning Academy, Youth Build) and the Franklin County Department of Jobs and Family Services (FCDJFS)
6. Do we need to submit performance on the total number of students who received funds from OMJ or all students?
  - For the performance section of the Area 11 Approved Training Provider Application (p.1), we are asking for the aggregate performance of all students.
7. Is the 75% credential obtainment - 75% of total program enrollees or 75% of the individuals that completed the training program?
  - The performance metrics are for anyone who has begun training. For example, during the review period (July 2022 – June 2023), did 75% of all students you had enrolled obtain an industry-recognized credential as defined by the [Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services?](#)
8. May I ask how youth funds are being distributed?
  - Youth are distributed through our seven youth training providers (Goodwill Columbus, Academy for Urban Schools, Columbus Literacy Council, St. Stephens

Community House, LeadTheWay Learning Academy, Youth Build) and the Franklin County Department of Jobs and Family Services (FCDJFS).

9. Is the Cosmetology field of training approved for funding?
  - Given The Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services requirement to use Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) to fund training for in-demand or Top **Jobs (Ohio's Top Job List)**, ITAs may not be used to fund training in Cosmetology-related occupations.
    - o WIOA Policy:  
<https://emanuals.ifs.ohio.gov/Workforce/WIOA/WIOAPL/WIOA-PL-15-11-3.stm>
10. "Will your team focus on ""Bright Outlook"" ONET Programs such as: A Bright Outlook – information technology project management occupations are expected to grow rapidly or have a large number of job openings over the next few years. Rapid growth—These information technology project management occupations are projected to grow faster than average, with a US nationwide employment increase of 5% or more from 2019 to 2029."
  - ASPYR will default to the state [Ohio Labor Market Information](#) when determining what is locally or regionally allowable for the use of ITA funds per WIOA Policy Letter 15-11. ASPYR uses Bright Outlook and a number of other secondary labor market sources to perform additional analyses of occupations and industries.
11. To clarify - it's still necessary to submit an application to your organization to be able to offer a course in Franklin County, even if there's a WIET/State approval?
  - Yes, however, the Area 11 Approved Training Provider application and process is unique to Franklin County. Other workforce areas around the state have their own individual processes.
12. Software Development/Engineering falls under the IT section, correct?
  - Yes.
13. Is Computer User Support Specialist considered a priority occupation?
  - Yes
14. "Regarding " attended 7 days or fewer", does this refer to # of training sessions or # of calendar days?
  - This refers to the number of days enrolled past the program's start date.
15. For CDL training programs, if we train both CDLA and CDLB, do we need 2 part II sections on the application?
  - Yes, The Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Service would consider them two separate programs unless CDLA and CDLB are two separate credentials that are explicitly wrapped into one program.

16. For current participants whose second payment is pending, will the past policies still apply?
- The new policy is technically active; however, it will not be put into place until 7/1/24. Therefore, the previous policy will remain until new training is approved starting July 1, 2024, and the new Area 11 Approved Training Provider list is published.
17. To clarify.. If we are a state-approved RAP, do we not need to apply?
- Please apply, so that we have your training program information, however, it's an automatic approval as an Area 11 Approved Training Provider per [\*\*WIOA Policy Letter 16-02.2\*\*](#)
18. I want to make sure that I asked my question correctly. Sorry! For the data needed to get the approval, is the data needed for students from July 1st, 2023- June 30, 2024?
- ASPYR is requesting data on the last full program year (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023).
19. To clarify you just need part 2 for each of those program submissions?
- Correct, the only part that needs multiple copies is p.2 if submitting for multiple programs.
20. Does Area 11 cover supplies? Scrubs, shoes, etc.?
- Correct, Area 11 will cover the cost of any supportive services for training as long as funds are available, and the job seeker has not exhausted their supportive service limit. Unless it's included in the cost of training.
21. Does The student have to take an entry exam with the state?
- Workforce staff are required, per [\*\*WIOA Policy Letter 15-09.1\*\*](#), to determine whether someone is suitable or appropriate for training. Standardized Assessments are a part of that. If a training provider does not use an industry-recognized assessment for suitability, workforce staff will utilize its internal assessment to determine suitability or appropriateness for training.
22. what about the stackable certifications
- Stackable credentials are defined in the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services [\*\*Credential Classification Checklist Template\*\*](#) (p. 1)
23. Some of the counties do not cover DOT drug screens. Will Franklin cover them?
- Yes, these assessments and assessments alike will be covered under the Area 11 Supportive Service policy.