

Youth Council of Workforce Investment San Francisco Overview

As a requirement for receiving federal job training monies, the Workforce Investment Act stipulates that each local Workforce Investment Board (WIB) establish a Youth Council as a committee of the WIB.

The purpose of the Youth Council is to provide expertise in youth workforce development policy and assist the local WIB to:

- Develop and recommend local youth workforce policy and funding
- Broaden employment and training policy to incorporate youth development
- Establish linkages with other organizations serving youth
- Evaluate a range of issues that impact young people's success in the labor market

Both the Workforce Investment Board and the Youth Council are staffed by the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, which is charged with coordinating and centralizing the youth and adult workforce systems in San Francisco.

Following a year-long strategic planning process involving dozens of community stakeholders, the Youth Council adopted the following vision to guide its work:

Our vision is that San Francisco offers a comprehensive and coordinated system of care, which provides a continuum of quality services to ensure that all youth are equipped with the skills, knowledge and abilities to prepare them for successful employment, academic and life choices by age 25.

The Youth Council and the Office of Economic and Workforce Development will use this vision in conjunction with a series of primary and supportive strategies to guide its work for 2009.

Youth Council Membership

The members of the Youth Council are appointed by the WIB in cooperation with the Mayor and include:

- WIB Members with special interest or expertise in youth policy
- Representatives of youth service agencies, including juvenile justice and local law enforcement agencies
- Representatives of public housing authorities
- Employers and other workplace partners
- Parents of eligible youth
- Individuals including former participants, representatives of organizations with experience relating to youth activities

- Job Corps representatives
- Young people ages 14-24 years as users of the youth workforce system

Members of the San Francisco Youth Council of the WISF

Michael Wald (*Chair*)
 Alisha Taylor, *YMCA*
 Benji Williams, *Treasure Island Job Corps*
 Brian Cheu, *OEWD*
 Carla Javits, *REDF Foundation*
 Cassandra James, *Center for Young Women's Development*
 Cheryl Marsh, *Adult Probation Department*
 Ciara Wade, *New Door Ventures*
 Damon Lew, *UCSF*
 Jim Fithian, *SFUSD – Court & Community Schools*
 John Knox, *Juvenile Probation Department*
 Katie Miller, *Office of the District Attorney*
 Kimberly Wicoff, *Communities of Opportunity*
 Kyle Pederson, *San Francisco Housing Authority*
 Lorne Needle, *United Way of the Bay Area*
 Maria Su, *Department of Children, Youth & Their Families*
 Maya Dillard Smith, *Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice*
 Maya Razon, *Jamba Juice*
 Peter Gerharz, *Larkin Street Youth Services*
 Phyllis McGuire, *City College of San Francisco*
 Rachel Antrobus, *Transitional Age Youth Unit*
 Ruth Barajas, *CHALK*
 Sam Rubin, *Improving Transitions Outcomes Project*
 Sara Razavi, *Housing for Emancipated Youth*
 Steve Arcelona, *Human Services Agency*
 Yvette Robles, *Public Defenders Office*

Glenn Eagleson, *OEWD (Staff to Youth Council, Non-Voting)*