

# Executive Summary

## WIOA Partner Program Briefing: Reentry Employment Opportunities and Adult Education and Family Literacy Act Programs

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Have you wondered how the Reentry Employment Opportunities (REO) and Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) programs support the workforce system under WIOA? The Interagency One-Stop Policy and Technical Assistance Workgroup is presenting a series of informal briefings describing the individual Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) partner programs that make up the workforce system. Hosted by ETA, these monthly briefings provide a forum to understand each of our programs better, learn how we fit together as a workforce system, ultimately resulting in creating the integrated service delivery system envisioned by WIOA.

The Adult Education and Family Literacy Act program (AEFLA), enacted as Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), is the primary Federal program that provides foundation skills below the postsecondary level and English literacy instruction (or EL) for out-of-school youth and adults. Among other functions, the program seeks to assist students in acquiring the skills and knowledge necessary for employment and economic self-sufficiency; and assist parents or family members in obtaining the education and skills necessary to become full partners in the educational development of their children and lead to sustainable improvements in the economic opportunities for their family.

The Reentry Employment Opportunities (REO) program provides employment-focused services to formerly-incarcerated individuals ages 18 and older as well as youth and young adults between the ages of 14 to 24 that have been involved in the juvenile justice or adult criminal system. The program aims to improve workforce outcomes for justice-involved youth, young adults and adults. REO projects typically incorporate mentoring, job training, education, legal aid services, and other transitional services; they are typically located in areas with high rates of poverty and crime, serving those communities most in need. Also, learn more about the Federal Bonding Program and the Work Opportunity Tax Credit program.

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