

ETA Coronavirus (COVID-19) FAQs

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has developed a Frequently Answered Questions (FAQs) to address questions related to Coronavirus (COVID-19) to help state and local workforce leaders, and other stakeholders and partners to assist the public workforce system during this crisis.

Indian and Native American Program (INAP) (WIOA sec, 166)

Updated as of 4/14/20

(New as of 4/14/20) Q. What should those tribes that have delayed the start of INAP summer youth programs do if they only operate summer youth programs? Usually, tribes begin recruitment and enrollment in April or May in schools.

Response: INAP grantees should review state and local health advisories, school closure policies, and other state and local directives when considering the status of youth programs. INAP grantees may consider adjusting their plans to operate a year-round youth program with INAP youth funding and incorporate other activities such as tutoring, mentoring, and after-school program activities. INAP grantees may provide youth with the activities referenced in the regulations at 20 CFR 684.310(f). INAP grantees may also consider providing in-house soft-skills training, in conformity with agency or health advisories, using distance seating, teleconferencing, webinars, or other practices that allow instruction from a distance.

(New as of 4/14/20) Q. If tribes find that they are unable to run an INAP summer and/or spring youth program, will they be allowed to carry forward the funds to the next program year?

Response: Yes, within the period of performance for the grant. The INAP youth program is considered a supplemental program primarily for the benefit of in-school youth. ETA will not recapture or reallocate supplemental youth funds. Many youths and their families will be economically impacted by this pandemic. Therefore, grantees may want to consider re-evaluating their own policies on eligible applicants, as long as such policies meet the eligibility requirements in the WIOA statute and regulations.