

NORTHEAST REGIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL CHARTER

Purpose

To implement "front line" local youth committees, by identifying and contacting appropriate agencies and representatives in order to facilitate better planning, cooperation and coordination of delivery of youth services.

Sponsor

The North Dakota Workforce Development Council and the North Dakota Youth Development Council encourage the formation of local Youth Councils with membership from partners of the One-Stop Career Center System and other agencies servicing or with experience in serving youth or operating youth programs.

Membership

Members of the Northeast Regional Youth Council (designated as *the Local Youth Council* by the ND Workforce Development Council and the North Dakota Youth Development Council), and the Local Youth Committees will be voluntary and will be designated by the local partner agency administrator. Membership representing the following categories is suggested:

1. The North Dakota Youth Development Council;
2. Northeast Regional Council partners included in the implementation are;
 - a. Job Service North Dakota
 - b. Juvenile Courts
 - c. Lutheran Social Services
 - d. Juvenile Services
 - e. The Answer
 - f. Job Corps
3. Local Youth Committees will include youth service agencies:
 - a. Juvenile justice – Probation Officers
 - b. Local law enforcement agencies
 - c. County Social Service
 - d. Vocational Rehabilitation
 - e. Tribal WIA (Workforce Investment Act)
 - f. Human Service Center
 - g. Job Service North Dakota – Career Counselor
 - h. Lutheran Social Services – Prevention Coordinator
 - i. Other Service Agencies as identified by council/committee as appropriate
4. Other appropriate individuals:
 - a. Parents of eligible youth seeking assistance under the Workforce Investment Act
 - b. Individuals, including former participants, and representatives of organizations, that have experience relating to youth activities
 - c. Local public housing authorities
 - d. Secondary and Post Secondary Education Agencies (Ad Hoc Committees)
 - e. Other Individuals as identified by council/committee as appropriate

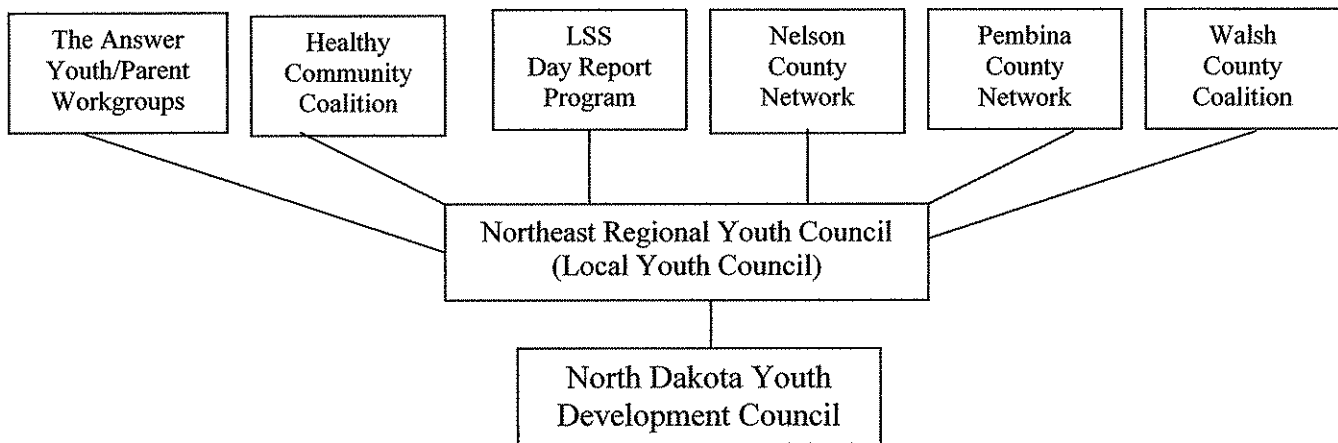
Structure

Officers of the Northeast Regional Youth Council should consist of an elected Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Recording Secretary. Notes or minutes of each meeting should be maintained by NE Regional Youth Council.

The Northeast Regional Youth Council will be organized as a working committee of the North Dakota Youth Development Council. And, the NE Regional Council will serve as a liaison between the Local Youth Committees and the ND Youth Development Council.

The following chart outlines the communication structure:

NOTE: The number of Local Youth Committees may fluctuate



Goal(s)

1. Assist in coordinating a system of youth development, education, and training that promotes and enhances academic achievement, high school graduation, work readiness skills, postsecondary readiness, occupational skill achievement, and employment readiness;
2. Research recent results of local needs assessments of youth done by local agencies or schools to determine locally-identified needs of both dropouts and in-school youth particularly those at risk of dropping out, to guide the design of local programs and service delivery;
3. Identify and support the development of continuous improvement of the local youth services delivery system to include development of linkages to assure coordination and non-duplication among programs and activities;
4. Share resources and identifying barriers to service and look at strategies to overcome these barriers;
5. Be an advocate for youth issues and build relationships at the legislative level;
6. Provide input to the North Dakota Youth Development Council and the North Dakota Workforce Development Council on recommended policy, system improvements and State Unified Strategic Plans.

Priority

The Northeast Regional Youth Council, (Local Youth Council), will meet at least quarterly and provide copies of meeting notes to the North Dakota Youth Development Council.

The Local Youth Committees will meet as needed and communicate with the Regional Youth Council a minimum of two (2) times per year.

Parameters

The Local Youth Committees will work to improve the cooperation and coordination of local service delivery to youth and make recommendations to the NE Regional Youth Council, the North Dakota Youth Development Council and/or the Workforce Development Council on priorities and improvements to youth service delivery.

Authority/Empowerment

Creation of Local Youth Councils were recommended by the North Dakota Youth Development Council and adopted by the North Dakota Workforce Development Council as a way to further improve the communication and coordination among the One-Stop Career Center System partner staffs at the local level. The Local Youth Councils are charged with developing front line staff awareness and coordination of services among all partner agencies.


Meetings of the North Dakota Youth Development Council are open and public meetings, local Youth Council's may want to designate a member to be in attendance at the quarterly North Dakota Youth Development Council Meetings to provide local input on youth policy and planning.

Neither the North Dakota Workforce Development Council, nor the North Dakota Youth Development Council, is providing financial support to local Youth Councils or members of local Youth Councils or committees for any expenses that may be incurred in the operation of local Youth Councils or committees.

The North Dakota Youth Development Council will provide technical assistance to local Youth Councils when requested.

• **Key dependencies**

- Partner participation
- Coordination with and among Partners
- Sound needs assessments and joint unified planning for local delivery of services.



 Northeast Regional Youth Council Representative

10-31-05

 Date



 ND Workforce Development Council Representative

11-2-05

 Date



 North Dakota Youth Development Council

10.26.2005

 Date