WIOA Youth funds must be used to deliver a comprehensive array of youth services. But, what are those essentials that local areas should have in place to most effectively use WIOA Youth funds?

Local areas should have key partnerships; an understanding of how multiple resources can be leveraged to offer comprehensive services, including wrap-around services; well-trained professional staff that have the knowledge and abilities to help youth achieve their goals; and probably most importantly, offerings that are customer-centered, informed by positive youth development principles, and meet the youth where they’re at.

This webinar showcased the Spokane Area Workforce Development Council, which strives to encompass those essentials. Through its Next Generation Zone young adult career center, well-trained staff inspire young adults in their career goals by providing wrap-around support and combining education, career skills training, and community and employment resources all in one place to prepare tomorrow’s workforce.

Jessica Clayton, Trina Clayeux, and Stacey Wells walked the audience through:
- A history about how Spokane arrived at this approach to youth service delivery
- Provided an understanding of how youth are effectively served in the Next Generation Zone
- Answered a number of questions related to service delivery, partnerships and more!