

The Youth Committee reviews regional programs to ensure that the 14 elements are provided. Partner agency staff serve on the committee and provide input on program design. Partners are also involved in program design through inter-agency staff meetings through suggestions made during involvement in the service delivery process. The Youth Committee is involved in the review of monitoring and performance reports. Youth programs are designed to provide customers with access to:

- Career exploration and guidance;
- Support for credential attainment and education;
- Occupational skills training;
- Employment in a field in their chosen career path.

b. *The actual services provided by the LWDA for Youth, the element they represent, and how they fit within DOL's themes (see TEGl 05-12) for the emphasis on serving Youth within a comprehensive Youth development approach;*

Partners to the workforce system are a key element of the service delivery process. Referrals are made to partner agencies, and in many cases, partners work in collaboration with the CWDB through the braiding of resources. Some of the partners that are involved in service planning and delivery are TANF, Vocational Rehabilitation, Adult Education and Literacy, Mo Department of Mental Health, Community Action, employers, homeless shelters and others. Partnerships are being utilized whenever possible to provide a more comprehensive level of service to customers. This also reduces the duplication of services and increases the value of services provided.

See the chart below.