

3/1/21 Summer App. Webinar Q & A

1. Are all vendors required to have in-person placements?

Regions do not have to offer in-person, if you have capacity to do so it is a good idea to build back that capacity – but we fully expect some programs to be mostly or entirely virtual.

2. Can we onboard peer leaders before last week of July?

Yes — can bring them on earlier, will have training for peer leaders in June.

3. If you want to write for more young people in a certain tier than what you have and less in another is that acceptable? For example, if we want to increase tier 2 can we decrease tier 1?

You can make adjustments, but if it is significant be in touch with us – the main goal is to deliver on your overall target.

4. Does hybrid and virtual count toward the virtual 30%?

No, when we say virtual we mean *entirely* virtual — so 30% be majority/largely virtual

5. What is period of performance?

Period of performance is April 5 – Sept. 30.

6. Is the admin rate for larger projects 7.5 or 8%?

It is 8% for larger programs and 10% for smaller.

7. Can youth do Signal Success self-paced before June 28 program start?

Programs currently engaged with year-round have access to those, but summer starts June 28.

8. Will the 90-minute “live” workshops be offered in multiple time availabilities to accommodate young people who are working in person and their schedules? For instance, a morning session and an afternoon session — not just one timeframe on different days?

With the lead time on these classes — our expectation would be that this will inform when youth are made available to employers and to be able to accommodate this schedule twice over the whole summer.

9. Can we get some clarification on the role Connecting Activities has with the program elements?

We want to encourage as much alignment as possible — there is a lot of opportunity. We are happy to talk through this with you. If there are CA programs where youth are not YW-eligible —that’s a conversation we can try to figure out.

10. Are WBLP mandatory?

Not in all instances

11. Could there be a couple “makeup” Signal Success live sessions for youth who have an acceptable conflict?

There will be some makeup sessions available – we will let you know when they are when we send out the overall schedule. It might be with a different instructor and a different set of youth.

12. What about daily or weekly case management? Is that to be expected again this summer?

That is something we will be looking at closely when your plans come in — we expect to see more case management for those engaging with youth around PBLs. There isn't a rule, but it should be thought through in terms of staffing and plan. Younger youth engaging primarily in a virtual model should have daily morning check-ins and older or those not fully virtual maybe twice a week. Once a week or not at all does not work. Peer leaders can be a big help with the day-to-day pieces of programming such as this.

13. When should we expect the materials for the project?

Project-based learning templates will be available sometime in June to give you time to prepare.

14. Are we still using the database this year? When will we be able to let youth apply through it?

We're using the database going forward — yes, youth should definitely use the database to apply. We are asking everyone to use the database. We want to be sure youth are in the database as early as possible. There may or may not be an import depending on situations. There will be a hard date of the first week of the summer program. This is where headcount, live courses, etc. are. Also, make sure email and phone numbers are correct.

15. Can providers choose to do 100% remote this summer? There was a min. 30% — not sure if there was a max.

Absolutely you can decide to do predominantly virtual programming.

16. Will match go back to Jan. 1 again?

Yes, you can look at your match all the way back this year since we are not documenting YR. And the match is 10%.

17. Spanish-speaking options?

We do have translation built into the self-paced modules in Spanish – below a block of English text they can click “expand” and there will be a block of Spanish text. Lift this up in your application – what you expect your population to be. If there is support needed in anything and program locals who can help – let us know.

18. Can peer leaders be over 21?

Only if they were 21 at the beginning of the program

19. Is number of peer leaders per- program or region?

They are per program, and we do expect every program to have peer leaders. If anyone is having trouble scaling up with this, ask us for assistance – it is really beneficial to programming.

20. Will you have any Spanish-speaking live providers, or should we provide it ourselves?

This is a conversation that we can work alongside you with. We continue to investigate the best options. We try to find middle-ground, so youth are ready for job-placements that are English-speaking.