

Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board selects Melissa Dean as New Youth Services Manager

The Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board (WFWIB) has selected Melissa “Mel” Dean as its new Youth Services Manager to implement, oversee, and manage youth programs. Specifically, Dean will supervise the WFWIB’s Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Business Education Partnership (BEP), and other WFWIB youth programs.



The WFWIB Youth Services Manager will be responsible for acting as the point of contact for youth program providers and will evaluate service strategies, determine future services, and maintain close working relationships with partners. Among other important duties, Dean will be a part of the evaluation team for youth proposals and activities, identify and develop youth agency partnerships, and provide essential training to youth program providers.

“We are happy to welcome Mel as part of our team to lead our youth/young adult workforce development activities in Westmoreland and Fayette Counties,” shared WFWIB Executive Director Janet Ward. “She brings a well-rounded background and knowledge to her role.”

Mel Dean brings over 15 years of program coordination and fiscal management experience to the WFWIB. In her most recent role as a Program Coordinator at PennWest University, Dean managed higher education, work-based learning initiatives in STEM and Behavioral Health fields. She was additionally responsible for organizing, coordinating, implementing, and tracking program information, including compliance, internal and external reporting, scheduling, vendor files, team decisions, purchasing, and more. These skills will play a major role as Dean oversees the youth providers to monitor program activities and ensure efforts are working toward established programming goals.

Dean started her career as an Operations Manager and acted as a Program Coordinator and Project Manager through the years as she developed her operational oversight, project budgeting, and facilitation skills. Dean’s additional experience includes bookkeeping, auditing, and fiscal management with some involvement in the non-profit sector. Overall, Dean holds key skills in various areas that will play directly into her new position as the Youth Services Manager. Mel Dean holds a B.S. in Zoology from Louisiana State University, M.A. in Biology from Humboldt State University, and an Accounting Certificate from the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

“I’m excited to join the WFWIB team and look forward to working with youth partners and providers to serve the needs of Westmoreland County and Fayette County,” shared Dean.

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About the Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board

The Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board (WFWIB) is a non-profit entity consisting of appointees from the business, education, and labor sectors of Westmoreland-Fayette counties. The board is empowered to lead workforce development activities in Fayette and Westmoreland counties. The WFWIB is funded by the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA), which provides funding to federal workforce programs and local Workforce Development Boards. The WFWIB oversees the three PA CareerLink® centers that are located in Westmoreland and Fayette Counties: PA CareerLink® Westmoreland County at Youngwood, PA CareerLink® Fayette County, and PA CareerLink® Alle-Kiski. For more information about the Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board, please visit www.WestFayWIB.org. The Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. For federal funding information, visit www.westfaywib.org/resources/.