



Performance Partnership Pilots (P3) for Disconnected Youth National Evaluation

SUMMARY

To help state, local, and tribal entities provide services to disconnected youth more efficiently across multiple federal funding streams, Congress authorized the Performance Partnership Pilots for Disconnected Youth (P3) under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014. The Act allowed grantee organizations and their partners to request to pool funds from different federal discretionary funding streams and receive waivers from these programs' eligibility, reporting, and other requirements. In 2015, the federal agencies participating in P3 awarded the first cohort of nine pilots. Subsequently, six more pilots were established in two additional cohorts.

KEY TAKEAWAYS BY REPORT

[Local Evaluations of the Cohort 1 P3 Pilots: A Synthesis of Their Findings](#) found that eight of the nine Cohort 1 pilots had local evaluations supporting causal evidence of how one or more aspects of the pilots' interventions affected education, employment, and other outcomes. The evaluations found that of the six types of interventions implemented, three demonstrated evidence of improving expected youth outcomes—case management services, combined case management and WIOA services, and the Two-Generation education and training program. However, two of the three local evaluations examining case management (only) also found evidence of negative outcomes (reduced family member referrals to adult education and participation in career preparation and subsidized employment).

[Insights from Federal Evaluation Technical Assistance Liaisons on the Partnerships Supporting Local Evaluations](#) provides reflections from the evaluation technical assistance (TA) team that assisted Cohort 1 pilots and their third-party evaluators in effectively designing and implementing local evaluations of the pilot interventions. The authors of the brief suggest that technical assistance staff and grantee/pilots staff could form strong partnerships by clearly establishing roles and responsibilities, sharing key information and goals, and establishing orientation policies for new staff, among other tactics.

[Performance Partnership Pilots for Disconnected Youth \(P3\): Four Years After Initial Authorization](#) is part of a series of implementation study papers of the P3 National Evaluation. This report is based on data collected from interviews between 2016 and 2018 with Federal staff, Cohort 1 pilot staff, and youth participants. Key findings include:



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- **Cohort 1 pilots reported that there were benefits to the approved waivers, specifically in reducing administrative burden and expanding the youth eligibility for the services.**
- **Federal respondents reported that P3 created a tension between the desire for more extensive waivers and the need for accountability.**
- **Cohort 1 pilots reported that the P3 process encouraged new connections and referrals across the education and workforce domains and that the waivers increased eligibility for services, decreased reporting requirements, and allowed tailoring of state and federal services.**
- **Federal respondents reported that P3 interagency systems were unlikely to continue beyond the life of the P3 initiative.** They found that P3 required high agency effort and multi-agency approval processes resulted in slow decision-making.
- **Youth interviewees reported positive experiences** with service strategies that included case management, mentorship, and work experiences.

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