



My Life! My Plan! Report: WOW Workforce Development Center's YouthBuild Building Futures



2014 - 2015 School Year

Site Report Highlights:

- 38% of participating students have indicated an interest in Human Services as their top Career Cluster choice
- 85% of participating students plan to talk to someone in their Career Cluster of interest as their next step in researching their career goals
- 54% of participating students have indicated that their greatest barrier to obtaining future career and employment goals is feeling that they do not have the money to pursue post-secondary education



	# of Students	# of Coaches	# of Workshops
November 7, 2014	13	3	1
YouthBuild's Total	13	3	1
2014-15 MLMP Total	1,829	357	72

In addition to ensuring that each student has a positive and educational experience, My Life! My Plan! aims to confirm that 3 primary goals are met during each workshop. At YouthBuild, the following benchmarks have been successfully completed:

- ✓ 100% of all participating students have created short and long term goals by completing the "My Next Steps" worksheet - Please ask your coordinator if you would like copies for your review.
- ✓ 100% of participating students have identified a career or career cluster of interest and have saved it to their plan in WisCareers.
- ✓ 100% of participating students have completed at least one interest assessment on WisCareers.

How do the students feel?

92% of respondents now feel more confident about making a career choice that would be a good match for their interests, abilities, strengths/skills, and talents.

92% of respondents now have a better understanding of the future education pathway alternatives that will help them achieve their career goals.

92% of respondents now have a better plan (or need to make adjustments to their current plan) for the classes, volunteer, and work experience, activities, etc. they need to take for the remainder of high school that will support their career goals.

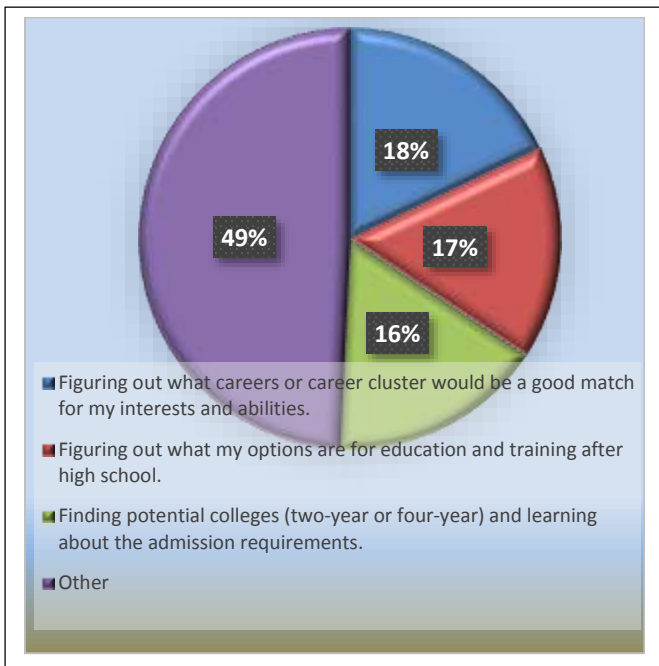
At the end of each workshop, students were asked to identify their top Career Cluster preferences. Of the 13 students who participated in the survey at YouthBuild during the 2014 - 2015 school year, these were the top selections:

Career Cluster Preference	# of Students
Human Services	5
Manufacturing	4
Business, Management & Administration	4
Food & Beverage	3
Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics	3

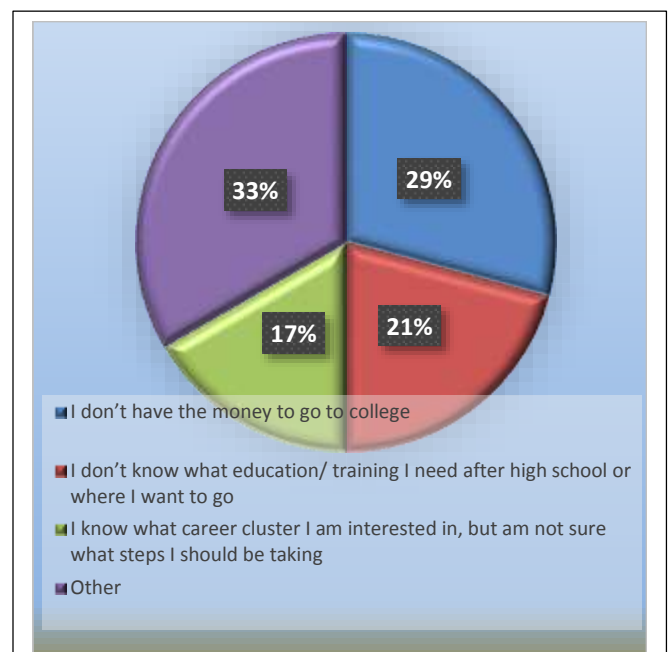


Students were asked...

What do you feel are the MOST important topics to research regarding your future career and education plans?

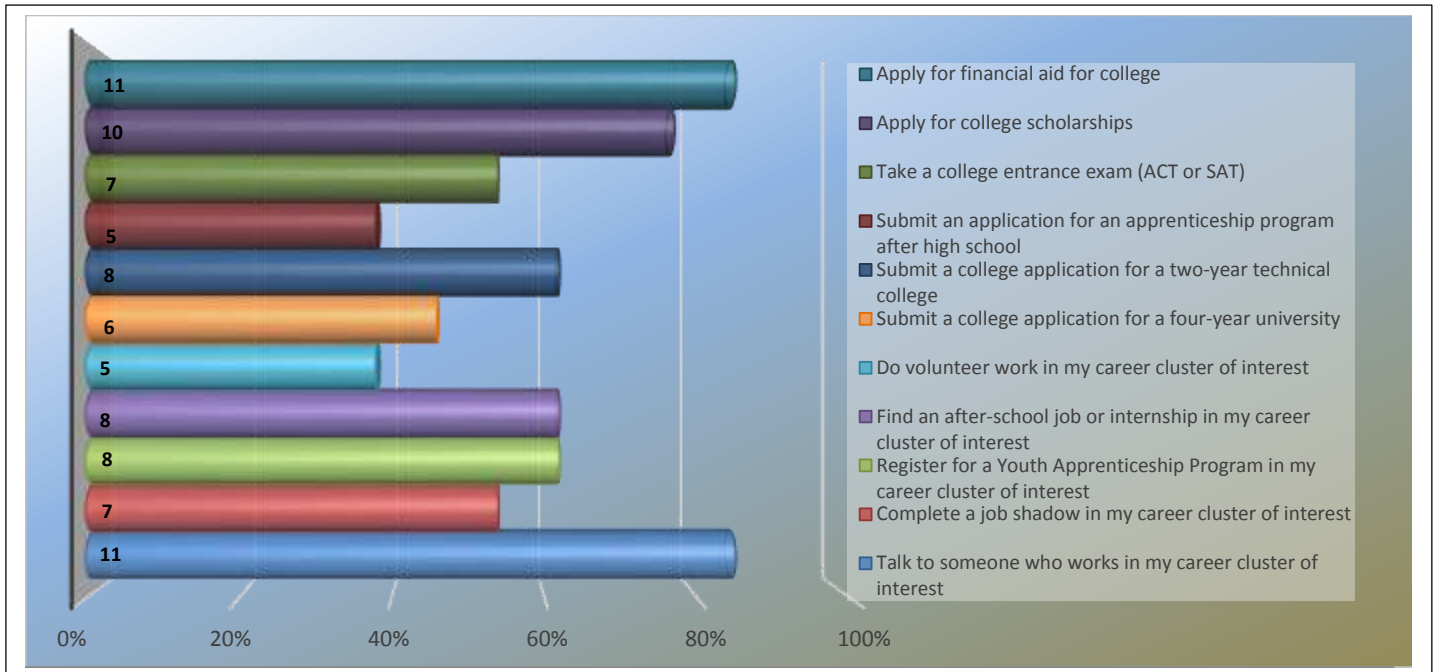


What is/are the greatest barrier(s) you face in achieving your career goals?



*"This workshop helped to boost my confidence about my next steps in life. Continuing my education is very important because jobs need high-skilled people to fill their workforce."
-YouthBuild Student*

Tell us about your future plans. Please select ALL the steps that you intend to complete as part of your plan.



My Life! My Plan! walks students through the first steps in exploring in-demand career pathways – but the work doesn’t stop there! YouthBuild counselors will continue to work with the participating students, focusing on the following next steps:

- Future leadership classes will have representatives from apprenticeships, entrepreneurs, and post-secondary institutions that will hold discussions regarding academic requirements for their fields
- Career Pathway information will be added to the Leadership class discussions in order to reinforce what the students have learned through My Life! My Plan!

The My Life! My Plan! Career Coach volunteers play a HUGE role in the success of a workshop. In YouthBuild, 100% of participating students have indicated that their Career Coaches made a positive impact on their experience. A special thank you goes out to the YouthBuild volunteers:

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