

Youth Transition Demonstration

shows promise for improving employment outcomes of youth with disabilities, but can they be replicated and sustained?

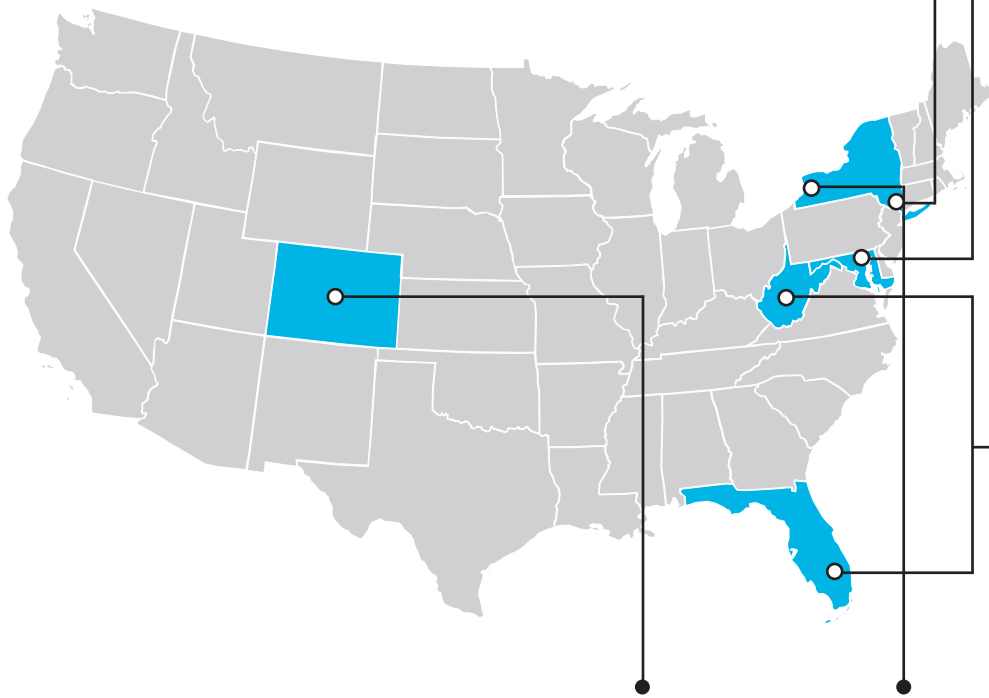
About the Youth Transition Demonstration (YTD) projects:

Designed to help youth with disabilities maximize their economic self-sufficiency as they move from school to work.

Supports

- Work-based experiences
- Youth empowerment
- Family involvement
- System linkages
- SSA waivers and benefits counseling

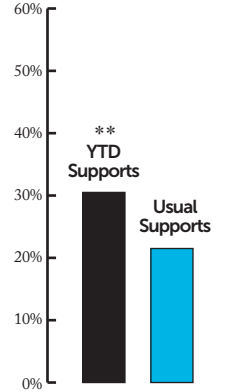
The Social Security Administration sponsored 10 YTD projects around the country. Mathematica is conducting the impact evaluation for six sites in which youth with disabilities were assigned by lottery to YTD Support and Usual Support groups. This sheet presents employment results for Year 1. Results for Year 3 are pending.



• Bronx Co., NY

Substantial impact on employment in this site.

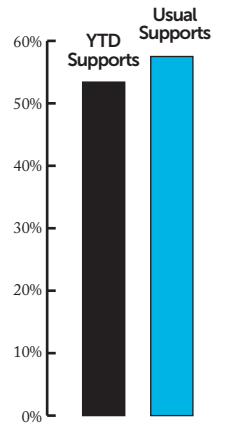
- Most YTD subjects were employed in NYC's summer youth employment program.



• Montgomery Co., MD

The evaluation found no impact on employment, but:

- In this site only, most youth were not receiving disability benefits.
- This suggests that their disabilities were less severe, so that even those receiving Usual Supports were able to find jobs relatively easily.



West Virginia and Miami-Dade County

Substantial impact on employment:

75% increase in employment rates

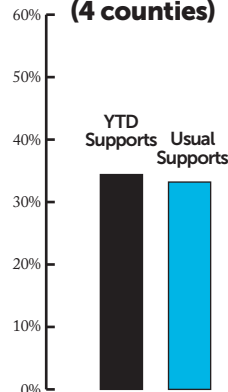
- We do not know if these impacts will be sustained; three-year impact estimates will be available in 2014.
- Results for other sites are less encouraging, but provide important lessons for replication.

Colorado and Erie compared with West Virginia and Miami-Dade:

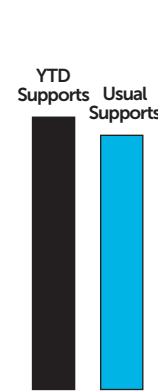
Vigorous work development efforts were a key to success.

- The Colorado and Erie sites, which started early, produced no evidence of impacts on employment.
- Mathematica found that, contrary to the YTD model, the projects in these sites devoted little effort to job development.
- Subsequent technical assistance to bolster work development in sites that started later likely contributed to success in West Virginia and Miami-Dade County.

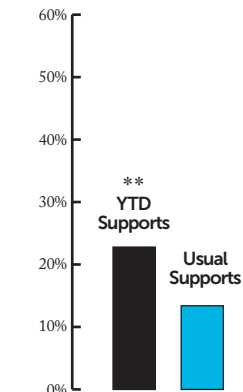
Colorado (4 counties)



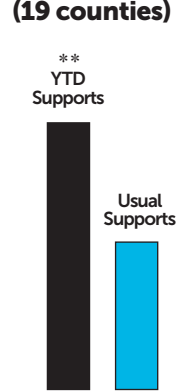
Erie Co., NY



Miami-Dade Co., FL



W. Virginia (19 counties)



**Estimated impact on employment during Year 1 is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.