



WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) CAREER DEVELOPMENT FOR NATIVE AMERICANS

The Inter-Tribal Council of Alabama's WIOA program is a federally funded program through the Department of Labor which allows Native American Indians, Native Alaskans, and Native Hawaiians to take advantage of social and economic benefits through continuing education and work experience.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was signed into law on **July 22, 2014**; Section 166 provides special funding to Indians and Native Americans. The section 166 programs are designed to support employment and training activities in order to develop more fully the academic, occupational and literacy skills; make individuals more competitive in the workforce; and promote economic and social development in accordance with the goals and values of such communities. These programs are administered in a way that not only meet regulatory requirements, but also in ways that are consistent with the traditional cultural values and beliefs of the people they are designed to serve.

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