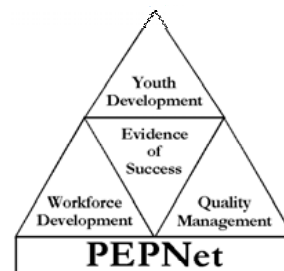


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The National Youth Employment Coalition is pleased to announce the release of two new free documents, geared toward building quality youth programming. The **2002 PEPNet Effective Practices Criteria Workbook** contains a detailed explanation of PEPNet and the PEPNet Improvement Process, the 22 Criteria for Effective Practices, the PEPNet Self Assessment, and tips and a timeline for completing a successful PEPNet Application. The **2002 PEPNet Application**, due April 18, is the means for applying for the prestigious PEPNet Award.

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