

How to improve labour market outcomes of young unemployed? Evidence from the *Missions Locales* in France

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Abstract :

About 13% of young people aged 15-29 year-old were not in employment, education, or training (NEET) in OECD countries in 2019. As a part of the French public employment services, the Mission Locales agencies are specially dedicated to young people who face major labor market integration issues. We propose to use the quasi-random allocation of caseworkers to youths to study how caseworkers can affect the future trajectories of young unemployed. Preliminary evidence show that caseworker's « quality », measured as their ability to enroll youths in a given program, can significantly affect the employment outcomes of youths: above the median caseworkers are found to increase youths' total number of days of employment by about 10% one year after their first meeting with a youth.