

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 07-24

Policy Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
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cc: WIA State Partners

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Division of Career Services

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Date: May 8, 2007

Subject: **Title I WIA Youth Common Measures Training Session: “Practical Applications of the Literacy/Numeracy Performance Measure”**

Purpose: To transmit information to Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and WIA Title I Local Youth Program partnerships regarding scheduled training related specifically to the Youth Literacy/Numeracy performance measure.

The training session: “Practical Applications of the Literacy/Numeracy Performance Measure” has been scheduled for May 11th and June 11th (see details below). The training will address the Literacy/Numeracy measure of Common Measures and will provide attendees with a brief overview, definition of the measure and key concepts. The session will offer concrete strategies on how to assist youth to increase their educational functioning level along with career readiness skills. In addition, the training is intended to be interactive and designed to gather information from the audience to improve future training sessions.

Background: Training and Guidance Letter (TEGL) number 17–05 (February 2006) unified prior U. S. Department of Labor guidance on Common Measures and WIA section 136 performance accountability system. To that end, Commonwealth Corporation and the Division of Career Services have provided a variety of training opportunities related to serving youth that focused on, or included sections on Common Measures. Comments obtained from attendees (as well as information garnered from other sources) identified “literacy/numeracy” as the most challenging of the youth Common Measures. In particular, the field has requested assistance with identifying and developing practical strategies to apply and implement “literacy/numeracy” in WIA youth programs. The training and tools developed by Commonwealth Corporation’s “Diploma Plus” and “WIA Youth” projects are intended to meet the request.

Training Schedule:

May 11th: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm – Western Regional Conference, Springfield Technical Community College

June 11th: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Practical Applications of the Literacy Numeracy Performance Measure, Hoagland Pincus Conference Center

(Directions are attached).

NOTE: *Additional Dates TBD – Commonwealth Corporation anticipates that additional training sessions will be scheduled during the summer and fall of 2007.*

Action

Required: Review the information and share with all appropriate staff. Those interested in attending should register electronically at the following url:

[\[https://www.123signup.com/calendar?Org=commcorp2 .\]](https://www.123signup.com/calendar?Org=commcorp2)

In case of poor weather conditions attendees are asked to call the Commonwealth Corporation hotline after 6 a.m. on the day of the event at 1-800-307-0760, extension 2314. A voice message will provide information on meeting cancellations (no voice message indicates the meeting remains scheduled).

Inquiries: If you have questions about meeting logistics please contact Amewusika Sedzro at 413-582-9054, ext. 104. Please direct all questions or suggestions for future forum content to Samuel Martin at smartin@commcorp.org or 617-727-8158.