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Policy Information

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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: April 20, 2016

Subject: **Reinventing Youth Services under WIOA Peer-to-Peer Event**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators, youth service providers, youth practitioners, and other workforce partners of the **Reinventing Youth Services under WIOA Peer-to-Peer** event presented by the Massachusetts Workforce Professionals Association and the Department of Career Services.

The event will take place on April 28, 2016 from 8:00 am – 3:30 pm at the Devens Common Center in Devens, MA.

Attendees will learn of best practices from other workforce professionals about how to incorporate the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program service elements into their service delivery strategy to help youth succeed in the workforce. They will also have the opportunity to hear a panel of WIOA core partner State level leadership discuss opportunities to coordinate services for youth.

For more information and to register visit:

<http://reinventingyouthservicesunderwioa.eventbrite.com>

The registration fee for the event is \$60.00. Payment may be made by credit card or check (use the drop down feature in Eventbrite to select "Pay by Check").

Checks are to be made payable to the "Massachusetts Workforce Professionals Association" or "MWPA" and sent to Ken Demers, MWPA Treasurer c/o BerkshireWorks Career Center, 160 North St., Pittsfield, MA 01201.

Background: The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was signed into law on July 22, 2014. WIOA supersedes the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 and makes notable changes to the youth program which includes an increased focus on serving out-of-school youth, the addition of five new program service elements, an emphasis on career pathways for youth, and new youth eligibility criterion.

Youth service provisions under WIOA are designed to help youth access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market and to match employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy. WIOA builds on proven practices such as sector strategies, career pathways, regional economic approaches, and work-based training.

Action

Requested: Please share this event information with youth vendors and youth serving agencies in your region. Registration closes on April 26th, so register today!

Inquiries: Questions regarding this issuance should be directed to Sacha Stadhard sacha.stadhard@detma.org.