

Mass Workforce Issuance

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To: Chief Elected Officials
Workforce Development Board Chairs
Workforce Development Board Directors
Title I Administrators
Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: August 22, 2017

Subject: **BenePLAN Training Opportunity Through Work Without Limits**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of a BenePLAN training opportunity offered through our partners at the University of Massachusetts Medical School/Work Without Limits. The two-day training on “*The Nuts & Bolts of SSI & SSDI, Public Health Insurance and Other Public Benefits*” is offered at various dates and locations between September and November 2017.

Background: This training focuses on how earnings from work affects SSI, SSDI, Medicaid, Medicare and other public benefits such as subsidized housing and food stamps. This training also includes an extensive review of the work incentives associated with each benefit and how they can be leveraged to assist individuals with disabilities to transition into employment or increase earnings without jeopardizing benefits.

Participants should attend both days to gain a firm understanding. This training has been approved for 10.5 Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC) CE hours. Employment professionals, case managers and rehabilitation counselors are encouraged to attend. Class size is limited to 30 participants and the cost is \$250 per person. Hours for all trainings are Day 1: 8:30am to 4:00pm and Day 2: 8:30am to 12:30pm.

DATE	LOCATION
Sept 13 th – Sept 14 th	Springfield, MA
Sept 19 th – Sept 20 th	Dorchester, MA
Sept 26 th – Sept 27 th	Shrewsbury, MA
Oct 19 th – Oct 20 th	Andover, MA
Nov 7 th – Nov 8 th	Shrewsbury, MA
Nov 14 th – Nov 15 th	Greenfield, MA

Breakfast will be provided; lunch is on your own. [Registration](#) is available online. Questions regarding the training may be directed to Christine Roa at (508) 856-8043 or Christine.Roa@umassmed.edu.

Action

Requested: Please share this information with staff and partners as appropriate.