

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: November 15, 2016

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*” will be offered at various dates and locations between November 2016 and May 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 25 participants and the cost is \$250 per person. Hours for all trainings, excluding April 12th and 13th, are Day 1: 8:30am to 4:00pm and Day 2: 8:30am to 12:30pm.

DATE	LOCATION
Nov 29 th and 30 th	UMass Medical School, Shrewsbury
Dec 7 th and 8 th	FutureWorks Career Center, Springfield
Jan 25 th and 26 th	Riverside Community Care, Wakefield
Mar 15 th and 16 th	Franklin Hampshire Career Center, Northampton
Apr 12 th and 13 th	UMass Medical School, Shrewsbury (ALS & CART**)
May 2017 (date TBD)	North Shore Career Center, Salem
May 2017 (date TBD)	Career Source, Cambridge

** The April training is targeted to professionals who assist individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing and is 2 full days (8:30am to 4:00pm on both Day 1 and Day 2).

Breakfast will be provided; lunch is on your own. [Registration](#) is available online. Questions regarding the training may be directed to Amanda Elinoff at (508) 856-2710 or Amanda.Elinoff@umassmed.edu.

Action

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