



Workforce Issuance

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To: Chief Elected Officials
Workforce Board Chairs
Workforce 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: September 14, 2018

Subject: **Resources to Assist in Fighting the Opioid Epidemic**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Boards, Career Center Operators and workforce partners of valuable resources offered through WorkforceGPS designed to assist in fighting the opioid epidemic.

Background: Over the past couple of years, widespread abuse and addiction to opioids painkillers and illicit opioids has increased greatly, negatively impacting all facets of the country, including the workplace. Public workforce development professionals are on the front lines of this crisis in helping to address this nationwide problem and finding ways to reintegrate workers affected by opioid abuse and addiction. To assist workforce development professionals in this effort, the WorkforceGPS Team has compiled a number of resources, including fact sheets, technical assistance tools, and case studies of effective responses. These materials have been organized on [one resource page](#) and will be updated as more resources are identified.

Action

Requested: Please share with managers, staff and partners as appropriate

Effective: Immediately