



Workforce Issuance

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

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: June 24, 2019

Subject: **MassMATCH – Maximizing Assistive Technology in Consumer’s Hands**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other workforce partners of assistive technology resources for individuals with disabilities available through [MassMATCH](#).

Background: MassMATCH is the Commonwealth of Massachusetts initiative to maximize assistive technology in consumer’s hands. MassMATCH promotes the use of assistive technology services to enhance the independence of people with disabilities, enabling equal participation in all of life’s activities. MassMATCH is one of 56 federally-funded statewide assistive technology initiatives in the United States.

MassMATCH is funded by the Administration for Community Living of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and managed by the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission.

A variety of assistive technology resources are available through MassMATCH to assist individuals with disabilities, family members, and disability-related providers, agencies, and organizations across the state.

Resources include:

- Massachusetts Assistive Technology Loan Program
- Massachusetts Long-Term Device Loan Program
- REquipment – Durable Medical Equipment Reuse Program

MassMATCH has three Assistive Technology Regional Centers (ATRCs) that provide demonstrations of the latest assistive technology equipment to the general public. Individuals with disabilities, family members, educators, employers, therapists and others learn more about assistive technology through these hand-on opportunities. The ATRCs also loan out assistive technology equipment for use.

ATRC Locations

Eastern Massachusetts:

ATRC - Boston, Operated by Easter Seals of Massachusetts
89 South Street, Boston, MA 02111
Phone: 617 226-2640
Email: ATRCboston@eastersealsma.org

Central Massachusetts:

ATRC -Worcester, Operated by Easter Seals of Massachusetts
484 Main Street, Denholm Building, 6th floor, Worcester, MA 01608
Phone: 508 751-6495
Email: ATRCworchester@eastersealsma.org

Western Massachusetts:

ATRC – Pittsfield, Operated by UCP-Berkshire
209 West Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201
Phone: 413 442-1562
Email: ATRCpittsfield@ucpberkshire.org

Action

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

Inquiries: For more information and to learn of the available resources through MassMATCH please call: 617 204-3851 TTY: 617 204-3815 or email: info@massmatch.org.