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

**cc:** WIOA State Partners

**From:** Alice Sweeney, Director  
MassHire Department of Career Services

**Date:** June 10, 2020

**Subject:** **Important Informational Webinar: COVID-19 Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Humanitarian Food Service Project**

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**Purpose:** To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other local workforce partners of the Massachusetts COVID-19 Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Project Details Webinar scheduled for **Tuesday, June 16, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Background:** One of the components of the MA COVID-19 Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant (DWG) is humanitarian food service assistance. The pandemic has led to increased levels of food insecurity due in large part to COVID related restrictions and COVID related unemployment. Increased food insecurity has led to higher and *immediate* demand for services from organizations producing and delivering food to Massachusetts residents.

Food preparation and delivery is critical in support of the Commonwealth's elderly and other vulnerable populations. With grant funds, displaced food

service workers will be temporarily employed in support of larger food preparation and distribution efforts. Front line and emergency food distribution organizations approved by EOLWD/MDCS will be the designated worksites, providing temporary employment that includes:

- ✓ Serv-Safe certified cooks who can work on the line in preparing and packing meals
- ✓ Licensed drivers who can help with a range of emergency food distribution needs
- ✓ General purpose laborers to help with setting up/filling boxes, handling deliveries, managing inventory
- ✓ Other occupations as approved by MDCS

MassHire Career Centers will recruit laid off food service workers to provide temporary employment to approximately 200 laid off food service workers through SnapChef, the designated employer of record, for deployment at worksites across the Commonwealth.

The Primary Operator for the project is the MassHire Hampden County Workforce Board. MassHire Career Centers will be eligible to earn a **\$2,400 “voucher payment”** for each individual placed into temporary employment at an approved worksite.

The MassHire Department of Career Services (MDCS) set up the [COVID-19 Disaster Recovery DWG](#) web site to provide information regarding this project, respond to questions and house the link for food service organizations to apply to become a worksite under the auspices of this grant. Applications were accepted through close of business on June 10, 2020.

A webinar is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 16, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** to discuss the project details of Massachusetts COVID-19 Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker including the following topics:

- Selected Worksites
- Worksite Agreements
- Single Point of Contact Designation
- Eligible Participant(s)
- Recruitment and referral process for MassHire Career Centers
- Worksite Agreement Addendum
- Worksite Monitoring
- Allowable Support Services
- Fiscal Agent Master Agreement and MassHire Career Center Voucher Allotment

**Action**

**Required:** Click the link to below to join the webinar on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Webinar Link:

<https://eolwdma.webex.com/eolwdma/j.php?MTID=m81057919c8ea8bdc58049d6f44165b28>

Meeting number: 129 726 3881

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Access code: 129 726 3881

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