

MASSACHUSETTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

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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:** May 18, 2018

**Subject:** **Our Journey Together – Out-of-School Youth Cohort Challenge Review - Webinar**

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**Purpose:** To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of the WorkforceGPS webinar: [Our Journey Together – Out-of-School Youth Cohort Challenge Review](#), Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 3:30.

**Background:** This cohort launched to popular demand in November 2017. Its' mission was to unpack out-of-school youth (OSY) engagement and retention, and develop solutions that the field will want. To achieve this goal, six sessions were held between February and May 2018, and the cohort teams shared their challenges. They also presented their own community models and partnered with representatives from other teams to work on common challenges in serving youth. Teams examined and developed resources in the following areas: Empowering Youth as Active Participants; Using Technology in Innovative Ways through Programming; and Recruitment, Marketing, and Outreach Strategies. Join this webinar and hear about the cohort, learn what they developed, and how your program can benefit from the cohort's work.

An account is required to register for a WorkforceGPS event. Click [here](#) to create a free account.

## Action

**Requested:** Please share with staff and partners as appropriate.