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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:** October 3, 2018

**Subject:** **Implications of Substance/Opioid Misuse and Addiction for the Workforce Development System – WorkforceGPS Webinar**

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**Purpose:** To notify Local Workforce Boards, Career Centers and other local workforce partners of a webinar through WorkforceGPS addressing the implications of substance/opioid misuse and addiction for the workforce development system. The [webinar](#) is being offered Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 3:30.

**Background:** Substance abuse, and in particular opioid misuse and addiction, is a national epidemic. Drug overdoses killed about 72,000 Americans last year, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Workforce development professionals must have increasingly greater awareness of the issue and its impact on participants and employer partners as well as on workforce service delivery. Join the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration on this webinar to discuss Federal efforts to support communities in addressing these challenges. Participants will also learn about the Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) approach to the delivery of early intervention and treatment to people with substance use disorders and those at risk of developing these disorders.

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

**Action**

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

**Effective:** Immediately.