



# 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:** January 3, 2020

**Subject:** **Disability Employment Initiative Learning Series Webinars**

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**Purpose:** To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other workforce partners of the upcoming Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) Learning Series webinars.

The DEI Learning Series webinars are designed to provide best practices, strategies, and actionable steps that Board Directors, Career Center Directors and staff can begin to implement that will increase capacity and service delivery to individuals with disabilities seeking services through MassHire.

**Background:** The DEI is a federal project jointly funded by the Office of Disability Employment Policy and the Department of Labor. DEI aims to improve education, training and employment opportunities and outcomes for youth and adults with disabilities who are unemployed, underemployed and/or receiving Social Security disability benefits.

Massachusetts has participated in the three DEI projects focused on increasing access to career center services and expanding capacity within existing career

pathways to serve youth and adults with disabilities. MassHire Career Centers involved in the DEI projects have implemented proven practices that have improved quality of services and have contributed to increased employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities.

The DEI Learning Series webinars dates and topics are listed below. Each webinar will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

<b>Webinar Dates</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Time</b>
January 10, 2020	Benefits Planning and Ticket to Work	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
February 7, 2020	Integrated Resource Team (IRT) Collaboration/Partnerships and Effective Standing Disability Committees	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
March 6, 2020	Blueprint for Implementing DEI Strategies	10:00 am – 12:00 pm

All webinars will be hosted by subject matter experts along with MassHire staff that will share their experience in implementing the webinar topics.

Webinar participants will take away actionable steps and learn of strategies to increase capacity and service delivery to individuals with disabilities.

All webinars will be offered through Zoom meeting platform.

Click the link below to register for the webinar sessions.

February 7<sup>th</sup> - **Integrated Resource Team (IRT) Collaboration/Partnerships and Effective Standing Disability Committees** -  
[https://umassboston.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_4G8xh9OAGYuYpHn](https://umassboston.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4G8xh9OAGYuYpHn)

March 6<sup>th</sup> - **Blueprint for Implementing DEI Strategies** -  
[https://umassboston.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3mWyrwrsSPDgczH](https://umassboston.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3mWyrwrsSPDgczH)

### **Webinar Instructions**

To log in to the webinar, click the URL link:  
<https://communityinclusion.zoom.us/j/233505850>

There is also an option to dial in and listen using your phone:  
Dial in 1-646-876-9923 and use Meeting ID: 233 505 850

### **Action**

**Requested:** Please hold the dates of the DEI Learning Series webinars in your calendar and share this issuance with all appropriate management and supervisory staff.

**Inquiries:** Please email [sacha.stadhard@massmail.state.ma.us](mailto:sacha.stadhard@massmail.state.ma.us) with questions.