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To: Chief Elected Officials
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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
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Date: August 10, 2021

Subject: **Working Recovery, a Virtual Symposium on Why Employment is Pivotal to Sustained Addiction Recovery – Registration Announcement**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other local workforce development partners of the registration announcement for Working Recovery, a Virtual Symposium on Why Employment is Pivotal to Sustained Addiction Recovery being held on Tuesday, **September 14, 2021**, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET.

Background: The virtual symposium, Working Recovery, will address the pivotal role employment plays in addiction recovery. U.S. Secretary of Labor Martin J. Walsh will open the day as the keynote speaker.

Don't miss this cutting-edge event, offered at no cost, bringing together innovative ideas, speakers, and information not available on any other platform!

Employment is not just an option; it is crucial to recovery success. This symposium will highlight programs and organizations that are effectively implementing employment to decrease overdose and increase recovery success.

When: Tuesday, September 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET

Symposium Registration Link: [Working Recovery: Why Employment is Pivotal to Sustained Addiction Recovery](#)

Why attend?

You'll hear world-renowned experts share their tips, experiences, and strategies for:

- Successful collaborations with employers, universities/colleges, and other organizations to build on-ramps to employment;
- Getting buy-in from employers and creating partnerships that benefit people in recovery;
- Building career training programs that work; and
- Creating programs in your city or state.

Who should attend?

Staff working in the following fields:

- Substance use
- Workforce development
- Job training
- Community college workforce development departments
- City and federal policymakers
- Funders
- Researchers in the field of employment and recovery

This virtual symposium, WORKING RECOVERY, is sponsored by Massachusetts Access to Recovery (ATR), a project of Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (AHP), and funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health/Bureau of Substance Addiction Services (BSAS).

Action

Required: Please share this information with all appropriate managers, staff and partners.

Effective: Immediately.