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CAREER SERVICES

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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: September 16, 2021

Subject: **Voice of Experience: Youth Work Experience – WorkforceGPS Webinar**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other local workforce partners of the WorkforceGPS webinar: *Voice of Experience: Youth Work Experience*, scheduled for Wednesday, October 6th from 1:00 – 2:00.

Background: This session will feature stories from DYS's Voices of Experience: Youth Work Experience video series. Hear from a variety of youth work experience providers as they share success stories, tips for creating impactful work experiences for youth and employers, and lessons learned from adapting their programs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This video series features:

- **Early Childhood Resource Center**, an Ohio-based childcare work experience provider;
- **Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency**, which provides youth in Michigan with summer work experience opportunities;

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- **New Hampshire Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG)**, which connects youth with health care providers; and
- **Virginia WIOA Youth Summer Program**, a youth work experience practitioner in Virginia.

Participants will also have the chance to connect with DYS staff and learn about work experience requirements.

To prepare for our webinar, please review:

[Let's Chat: What Counts Towards the WIOA Youth Program's Work Experience Expenditure Requirement](#) was an interactive chat on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth program's 20 percent work experience expenditure requirement.

[Our Journey Together: Work Experience Activities Brief](#) provides a summary of the policies and program design considerations to assist local program operators developing work experience activities for WIOA Youth program participants.

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Action

Requested: Please share this issuance with all appropriate managers, staff and partners.

Effective: Immediately