



# Workforce Issuance

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**To:** Chief Elected Officials  
MassHire Workforce Board Chairs  
MassHire Workforce Board Directors  
MassHire Career Center Directors  
MassHire Fiscal Officers  
MDCS Operations Managers

**cc:** WIOA State Partners

**From:** Alice Sweeney, Director  
MassHire Department of Career Services

**Date:** October 29, 2021

**Subject:** **ABLE Remote Employment Skills Training Program**

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**Purpose:** To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other workforce partners of the [ABLE Remote Employment Skills Training Program](#).

**Background:** The ABLE Remote Employment Skills Training Program, operated by [Operation ABLE](#) and supported by a US Department of Labor demonstration grant received by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs, will provide training to low-income older workers (55 years of and up) to prepare them for remote or hybrid employment.

Program participants will learn skills to prepare them for remote and hybrid employment, including virtual training in computer skills, digital literacy,

assistance with home office set-up and, career development and job search tactics.

Program eligibility includes:

- Age 55 or older
- Low-income (Earning less than 125% of Federal Poverty Level)
- Unemployed
- Eligible to work in the United States

Participants may or may not have a formal work history.

### **MassHire Partnership with Operation ABLE and the Executive Office of Elder Affairs**

MassHire will partner with Operation ABLE on the following:

- Statewide recruitment efforts for the ABLE Remote Skills Training Program.
- Identify remote and hybrid jobs for participants who complete the program.
- Provide input on employer needs and labor market trends to inform program development.

Participants selected for the program will be required to create a career center registration through MassHire Job Quest to access basic career services including labor market research, free workshops, and job search assistance. Basic career services will supplement the training services participants receive through the ABLE Remote Employment Skills Training Program.

MassHire Career Center staff are encouraged to review their jobseeker caseloads and refer appropriate candidates to the [ABLE Remote Employment Skills Training](#) website to learn more about the program.

#### **Action**

**Requested:** Please share the information in this issuance with managers and staff as appropriate.

**Effective:** Immediately

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