



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
Department of Career Services

Date: January 27, 2022

Subject: Department of Public Health QPR Suicide Prevention Training

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and MassHire career center staff, of a series of virtual trainings offered by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) on the Suicide Prevention Program. The goals of the training are to assist staff with basic tools, strategies, and approaches to identify warning signs and support people who may be experiencing distress or at risk for suicide.

Background: The MassHire Department of Career Services (MDCS) in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, will provide MassHire staff and WIOA partner agencies with QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) training and training materials thru a CDC grant specific to suicide prevention. QPR is an emergency response to someone in crisis and can save lives. It is the most widely taught Gatekeeper training in the world.

Key components covered in the training include:

- How to Question, Persuade and Refer someone who may be suicidal
- How to get help for yourself or learn more about preventing suicide

- The common causes of suicidal behavior
- The warning signs of suicide
- How to get help for someone in crisis

Action

Requested: Managers, Directors, Supervisors and staff are encouraged to participate in this presentation.

The DPH Suicide Prevention Program training takes place for approximately 90 minutes with a maximum capacity of 25 seats. Staff must register for this training in advance by clicking on the link provided on the following dates:

February 22, 2022 @ 2:00pm-3:30pm

<https://cvent.me/01vBVz>

February 24, 2022 @ 11:00am-12:30pm

<https://cvent.me/5aqMME>

March 4, 2022 @ 9:30am-11:00am

<https://cvent.me/X3yMYz>

March 23, 2022 @ 2:00pm-3:30pm

<https://cvent.me/v72V0x>

April 1, 2022 @ 9:30am-11:00am

<https://cvent.me/O7QMBg>

April 12, 2022 @ 3:00pm-4:30pm

<https://cvent.me/dKRnrR>

After registering through the link provided, registrants will receive a Zoom login with details. Please ensure this information is saved for logging in the day of the training. Registrant are encouraged to add the information to their calendar immediately upon registering.

To check if there have been any training cancellations, please call the MassHire Department of Career Services Training and Meeting Message Line at 617-626-5250.

Effective: Immediately

Inquiries: Please direct all questions to Gail Normandin - gail.normandin@detma.org. Please reference this MassHire Department of Career Services Workforce Issuance number in your inquiry.