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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: May 25, 2022

Subject: **Virtual Training Series: Strengthening Partnerships for Increased Employment Equity and Inclusion for Massachusetts Residents with Disabilities**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, MassHire Career Center Directors, and other workforce partners of a virtual training series focused on strengthening partnerships for increased employment equity and inclusion for Massachusetts residents with disabilities.

Background: Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) in partnership with CSAVR and Milt Wright and Associates is excited to invite you to participate in a series of virtual trainings focused on strengthening partnerships for increased employment equity and inclusion for Massachusetts residents with disabilities.

Strengthening Partnerships Virtual Training Series

Building Disability, Equity and Inclusion in Massachusetts with Dr. Richard

Pimentel June 3rd ~ 10:00 am to 11:00 am EST Keynote speaker: Dr. Richard

Pimentel is a nationally renowned disability inclusion trainer known for his ability through storytelling and humor to entertain, inspire, challenge the audience, while being respected and most importantly understood. He is the primary author of *The Windmills Changing the Perception of Ability* training program. Over 150 individuals in Massachusetts have been trained as trainers in Windmills over the past two years.

[Click here to register](#) for this meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

How to Collaborate and Effectively Build Business Relationships

June 3rd ~ 12:00 to 2:30pm EST

This session will reinforce the importance of changing the perception of ability with businesses in your community with the implementation of a dual customer approach, as well as sharing ideas on how to effectively work together to increase employment and retention for people with disabilities.

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A Real Talk with Businesses

June 10th ~ 10:00 to 12:30 EST

A panel of business leaders on diversity, equity and inclusion will share their best practices for building a disability inclusive workforce and their concerns for their future. Participants will gain knowledge of successful national Disability Inclusion programs.

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Action

Requested: Please share with all managers and staff as appropriate.

Inquiries: Please contact Selina Boria at selina.boria@mass.gov or 857-408-4331 for more information or inquires regarding accommodations.

Attachments: A - Strengthening Partnerships Virtual Training Series Invitation
B - June 3 and June 10 Training Descriptions and July Virtual Training Information