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

**cc:** WIOA State Partners

**From:** Diane Hurley, Interim Director  
MassHire Department of Career Services

**Date:** July 8, 2022

**Subject:** **Peer Recovery Careers - WorkforceGPS Webinar**

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**Purpose:** To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other workforce partners of an upcoming WorkforceGPS webinar – Peer Recovery Careers – on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 from 2:00 – 3:30.

**Background:** Guest speakers from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will present. This webinar will include a brief overview of prevalence of addiction and the impact of stigma on employment for persons in recovery. Discussion will include the value of hiring persons in recovery in general across all employment sectors as well as the value of SUD peer workers for use across the SUD care system and in other human service sectors and healthcare systems. The presentation includes an employer in a recovery community center who can attest to the value of hiring SUD peer workers and their role and function in engaging people with substance use disorders and strengthening recovery capital at the individual, family, and community levels.

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**Action**

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

**Effective:** Immediately.