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To: Chief Elected Officials
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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Diane Hurley, Acting Director
MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: October 18, 2022

Subject: **Providing Employment and Training Opportunities to Formerly Incarcerated Individuals in Recovery - WorkforceGPS Webinar**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other workforce partners of an upcoming WorkforceGPS webinar – Providing Employment and Training Opportunities to Formerly Incarcerated Individuals in Recovery, Tuesday, October 25th from 2:00 – 3:30.

Background: The Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) Office of Workforce Investment (OWI) is rolling out its Fall Series of technical assistance on the role of the workforce system in serving individuals with substance use disorders. OWI, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Labor and its partners, is providing employment and training opportunities to formerly incarcerated individuals with substance use disorders, highlighting promising practices and success stories.

Through various funding opportunities, including the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act (SUPPORT Act) grant, the Maryland DOL and its sub-grantees are serving the re-entry population in various capacities. More specifically, Baltimore City and Anne Arundel County see a high prevalence of individuals who were formerly incarcerated utilizing the SUPPORT Act and S2C, Supporting to Communities: Fostering Opioid Recovery Through Workforce Development grant. The state has re-entry navigators for those areas who are very active in connecting returning individuals to employment and training.

OWI's Reentry Employment Opportunities Unit will provide an overview of the reentry program while the Maryland DOL and its partners, Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Employment Development (MOED) and PIVOT Baltimore will provide best practices in serving justice-involved individuals in recovery on the local level.

WorkforceGPS is an online technical assistance website created to help build the capacity of America's public workforce investment system. Sponsored by the Employment and Training Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor, WorkforceGPS was developed specifically for workforce professionals, educators, and business leaders. WorkforceGPS is free but does require account registration.

Action

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

Effective: Immediately.