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

**cc:** WIOA State Partners

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

**Date:** June 2, 2023

**Subject:** **Breaking Barriers for Returning Citizens – Yes, WIOA Can! – 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: Breaking Barriers for Returning Citizens: Yes, WIOA Can! on Tuesday, June 13 from 1:00 – 2:00 pm.

**Background:** Every year, over 600,000 individuals are released from our nation's prisons. Individuals who have limited job opportunities are more likely to be rearrested. This webinar will discuss innovative strategies on ways to engage and support Returning Citizens to return to the workforce, including highlighting programs which assist with the challenges they experience and offer the support required for success. Presenters will speak from a national basis on re-entry as well as highlight state and local programs that help prepare the population pre-release. Outreach strategies will also be covered that engage Returning Citizens post-release to ensure quality jobs are obtained, in turn, reducing recidivism.

An equal opportunity employer/program.

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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**Action**

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

**Effective:** Immediately.