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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, Acting Director
            MassHire Department of Career Services

**Date:**      July 20, 2023

**Subject:**   **Building State Evaluation Capacity Through Peer Learning Cohorts –
            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: <u>Building State Evaluation Capacity Through Peer Learning Cohorts</u> on Wednesday, July 26 from 3:00 - 4:30.

**Background:**   The capacity to plan for, design, and conduct evaluations takes appropriately allocated resources, expertise, technical assistance (TA), and tools to create over time.  This session will highlight the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) efforts and those of two state workforce agencies (SWAs) to expand or build evidence and implement evaluations as required by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014.

                Along with representatives from Washington State and North Carolina,

presenters will share insights about the evaluation and research community of practice, describe lessons learned from past Evaluation Peer Learning Cohorts (EvalPLC), and provide information about the next round of applications for the 2023 EvalPLC.  Session topics will:

- Provide an overview of the Evaluation and Research Hub (EvalHub) and WIOA evaluation TA resources.
- Describe lessons learned and benefits of participating in a peer-learning cohort to build or expand evaluation capacity for SWAs and other WIOA core partners.
- Facilitate a conversation about objectives, structure, and options for capstone activities and the schedule for the 2023 EvalPLC.

Attendees will learn about ETA's efforts to provide evaluation dissemination and TA through the EvalHub and EvalPLC; receive information about past cohort experiences from state representatives and recent lessons-learned briefs that include challenges, successes, and capstone projects; and hear about the application process, key dates, and expectations for SWAs to participate in the 2023 EvalPLC TA offering.

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

**Effective:**  Immediately.