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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Diane Hurley, Acting Director
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Date: August 18, 2023

Subject: **Using Dislocated Worker Funds Can be Easy – Yes WIOA Can – WorkforceGPS Webinar**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other workforce partners of an upcoming WorkforceGPS webinar:
Using Dislocated Worker Funds Can be Easy! Yes, WIOA Can!, Tuesday, August 29 from 1:00 – 2:00

Background: This webinar serves as technical assistance (TA) for workforce practitioners to develop strategies to engage dislocated workers. Techniques to maximize Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Dislocated Worker funds and how to become more flexible in expanding the definition of Dislocated Worker will be covered.

Often times, with WIOA funding, local areas have challenges in understanding effective strategies on spending Dislocated Worker funds. This webinar will

focus on how the state of Rhode Island focused on this population of job seekers and used flexibility with the Dislocated Worker definition and pursued state policy changes. Additionally, speakers from South Central Kansas and Anne Arundel Workforce Development Board will also provide information about strategies to engage dislocated workers including the transitioning military community and military spouses. Specific challenges and strategies discussed during the webinar can be implemented at the state and local levels. The presenters will also engage in understanding how the Trade Adjustment Act (TAA) is involved when working with dislocated workers.

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

Effective: Immediately.