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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Diane Hurley, Acting Director
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Date: April 10, 2024

Subject: **Work and Recovery – Social Enterprise / WorkforceGPS Webinar**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other workforce partners of an upcoming WorkforceGPS webinar:
Work and Recovery – Social Enterprise, Thursday, May 9th from 2:00 – 3:30.

Background: This webinar will discuss ways of combating stigma around addiction and recovery, particularly in the workplace and share a model for offering work experience for individuals in recovery. This is part of the Employment and Training Agency's (ETA) webinar series on the role of the workforce system in responding to the opioid crisis.

For many individuals dealing with opioid addiction or substance use disorders, work is an essential component of their recovery. In light of Mental Health Awareness Month, this webinar will discuss ways of combating stigma around addiction and recovery, particularly in the workplace, and share a promising model for a recovery program in Maryland that incorporate social enterprise and work experience. Social enterprises are businesses that operate as a hybrid

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commercial-non-profit organization for the purpose of achieving a social objective. This webinar will highlight an example that offers vocational training to residents, supporting their recovery. Brooke's House is a recovery home for adult women with substance use disorders located in Hagerstown, Maryland, and a partner in Maryland's Support Act Grant, awarded by ETA in 2020. This webinar is part of a series of technical assistance topics provided by ETA on the role of the public workforce system in responding to the opioid crisis.

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Action

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

Effective: Immediately.