



DEPARTMENT OF
CAREER SERVICES

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To: 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: September 19, 2024

Subject: **Call for Participation: Disability Benefits Training Opportunity**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and MassHire Career Center staff of two virtual training sessions offered by Work Without Limits that are intended to build staff and customer knowledge of how work income affects Social Security disability benefits.

Background: Work Without Limits, an initiative of forHealth Consulting, the consulting and operations division of UMASS Chan Medical School, provides training and consulting services to help build the capacity of employers, employment service providers, state agency personnel, and educational institutions in advancing workplace disability inclusion.

The two-hour training on October 9th is open to career center customers. We would like for staff to encourage customers to register. Attachment A is a flyer to be distributed at the Career Centers with a QR code to sign up.

An equal opportunity employer/program.

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

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MassHire staff are invited to attend the following two training sessions facilitated by Work Without Limits:

Overview of Social Security Work Incentives for Families and Persons Served

This FREE 2-hour training highlights the main barriers to employment for people who receive Social Security disability benefits. Participants are educated on existing work incentives, reporting requirements, beneficiary rights and employment programs that can help them realize that work is possible. A variety of community resources are shared so individuals know where and how to obtain the support they may need to make informed decisions about employment and benefits.

This training is designed for individuals with disabilities who receive SSI and/or SSDI and their family members. MassHire Career Center staff are also welcome to attend.

When: Wednesday, October 9, 2024
Time: 2:00pm-4:00pm
Register: Please fill out the [Survey](#)

The Nuts and Bolts of SSI and SSDI, Public Health Insurance and Other Public Benefits

This comprehensive training provides detailed information on both Social Security disability benefit programs (Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)), work incentives and health insurance (Medicare and Medicaid) associated with each program, and other public benefits that are available.

The duration of this training session is over the course of three days, has limited seats and will be on a first come first served basis.

***Participants MUST attend all three sessions. ***

Click [here](#) for the full training description.

When: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 16–18, 2024
Time: 9:00am-12:30pm
Register: Please fill out the [Survey](#)

Action Required: Please share this issuance with all appropriate staff.

Effective: Immediately.

Attachment: Training Flyer

Inquiries: Please email john.rhatigan@mass.gov with any questions.