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To: MassHire Workforce Board Chairs
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cc: WIOA State Partners

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

Date: September 25, 2024

Subject: **Mental Health Support - Leveraging the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline in the Workplace – WorkforceGPS Webinar**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other workforce partners of an upcoming WorkforceGPS webinar:
[Mental Health Support – Leveraging the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline in the Workplace](#), Thursday, October 24th from 2:00 – 3:30.

Background: Join to learn how the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline can provide help for people experiencing suicidal, substance use, and/or mental health crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress. 988 is a three-digit number that provides free, 24/7 access to compassionate mental health support, and that can complement other employee wellbeing resources offered by employers.

During the webinar, presenters will highlight the services of 988 when a person or their loved one is experiencing mental health distress and simply need someone to talk to or be connected to crisis care. By promoting awareness of 988 and encouraging its use, employers and those supporting people seeking

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

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employment can create a more supportive environment. The 988 network also offers a potential employment opportunity for those with lived experience who seek to bring their expertise and insights to helping others.

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Action

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

Effective: Immediately.