



Workforce Issuance

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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: Alice Sweeney, Director
MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: February 18, 2022

Subject: **Mental Health Needs of Youth Employment Programs – National Youth Employment Coalition Survey**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Center Operators, and other workforce development partners of a survey coordinated through the National Youth Employment Coalition regarding mental health needs of youth employment programs.

Background: The Surgeon General recently released an advisory report, "[Protecting Young People's Mental Health](#)," in which the devastating impacts of the pandemic and the alarming increases in mental health needs of young people are outlined. The National Youth Employment Coalition is coordinating a brief questionnaire to help understand how workforce providers are grappling with this crisis. Your input will provide insight into the youth employment field's current capacity to screen, connect, and serve youth with mental health needs. To learn more, visit: <https://form.jotform.com/220084775338157>.

Deadline for completion of this instrument is Friday, March 11, 2022.

Action

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

Effective: Immediately.

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