



DEPARTMENT OF  
CAREER SERVICES

# 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:** Diane Hurley, Acting Director  
MassHire Department of Career Services

**Date:** February 2, 2024

**Subject:** **First Nationwide Youth Apprenticeship Week**

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**Purpose:** To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other local workforce development partners of the first Nationwide Youth Apprenticeship Week.

**Background:** The inaugural Youth Apprenticeship Week (YAW) has been announced and will take place **May 5-11, 2024**. Building off the success of National Apprenticeship Week, [YAW](#) is a nationwide celebration highlighting the benefits and value of Registered Apprenticeship program opportunities for youth, ages 16–24. Employers, educators, labor unions, workforce professionals, and their partners across the country are launching Registered Apprenticeship programs that allow youth to earn competitive wages while obtaining the relevant training and experience to start their careers, often including the opportunity to earn college credit.

An equal opportunity employer/program.

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YAW is an opportunity for these stakeholders and others to host events across the country to bring awareness of these life-changing Registered Apprenticeship career opportunities for youth and how they create a sustainable pipeline of skilled and diverse talent for the jobs of today and tomorrow for critical industries.

It is never too early to start planning. The [YAW Event Planning Toolkit](#) combined with the [YAW Promotion Toolkit](#) has all the resources needed to plan, organize, and host a successful event. During YAW 2024, the U.S. Department of Labor will highlight the following daily themes:

**Monday:** “Parents and Guardians are a Priority” in Registered Apprenticeship

**Tuesday:** Youth Apprenticeships: Building Awareness, Myth Busting, Partnering with Educational Providers, and Creating Pathways through Pre-Apprenticeship

**Wednesday:** Expanding Youth Apprenticeship Opportunities for Underserved Populations

**Thursday:** National Youth Apprenticeship Signing Day

**Friday:** Federal Partners Day and Call to Action

**Action**

**Requested:** Please share with staff, partners and youth as appropriate.

**Effective:** Immediately.