



**MASSACHUSETTS
WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT
JOINT PARTNER COMMUNICATION**

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To: Chief Elected Officials
MassHire Workforce Board Chairs
MassHire Workforce Board Directors
WIOA Title I Administrators
MassHire Career Center Directors
WIOA Title I Fiscal Officers
MDCS Operations Managers
Adult Education Providers
Massachusetts Rehabilitation Offices and Providers
Massachusetts Commission for the Blind Offices and Providers
Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Providers
Dept. of Transitional Assistance Offices and providers of SNAP and TANF services

From: Jennifer James, Undersecretary,
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Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission
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Massachusetts Commission for the Blind
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Department of Elementary and Secondary Ed, Adult and Community Learning Services
Olga Yulikova, Senior Community Service Employment Manager
Executive Office of Elder Affairs
Jeffrey McCue, Commissioner
Department of Transitional Assistance

Date: March 8, 2019

Subject: **April Meeting of Joint Partners Regarding the Work Participant Program**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other workforce development partners of the next joint meeting between the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) Transitional Assistance Offices (TAOs) and MassHire Career Centers to discuss the Work Participant Program and our continued work together.

Agenda and additional details to follow.

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

1:30 - 3:30pm

Courtyard Marriott - 75 Felton Street, Marlborough

Please RSVP who will be attending from your MassHire Career Center at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/joint-meeting-for-dta-taos-and-masshire-career-centers-tickets-58381876765>.

Background: Consistent with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and effective July 1, 2017, an Interdepartmental Service Agreement (ISA) was signed between the Department of Career Services (DCS) and the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) to provide career planning support and resources to DTA clients, who are prioritized by WIOA. Each DTA Transitional Assistance Office (TAO) and each Career Center have designated lead staff members to work together on behalf of DTA clients. Designated staff (Full Engagement Workers/FEWs) from DTA local offices will be co-located at Career Centers and will provide support, information and resources to Career Center staff and DTA clients on a schedule and frequency to be determined locally. These respective staff will work collaboratively to ensure that Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) clients receive tailored and appropriate job readiness, job matching, coaching and employment supports. This program is identified as the DTA Work Program Participation (WPP).

Action

Required: Please assure that all MassHire Career Center management and staff who may need to attend this event are aware of the upcoming meeting.

Effective: Immediately

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