



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

WIOA Joint Partner Communication 06.2019

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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

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Executive Office of Elder Affairs
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Department of Transitional Assistance

Date: October 17, 2019

Subject: **Regional Meetings - Joint Partners Regarding the Work Participant Program (WPP)**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other workforce development partners of the next joint REGIONAL meetings scheduled between the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) Transitional Assistance Offices (TAOs) and MassHire Career Centers. Topics of discussion will include DTA policy updates, data analyses and progresses to date, the referral process and the *NEW* WPP Expansion Program and the opportunities around this program.

Staff are asked to register for these meetings in advance through EventBrite by clicking on the appropriate link for your location below:

Area/Meeting Location	MDCS	DTA	LINK TO REGISTER
West Date: November 19, 2019 Meeting site: Springfield DTA 243 Cottage Street, Springfield, MA Parking: The location has 450 parking spaces in a fenced area as well as designated handicap spaces. Time: 10am-1pm	Franklin Hampshire, Holyoke, Springfield, Berkshire	Greenfield, Holyoke, Pittsfield, Springfield	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wpp-regional-joint-meetings-tickets-77156484121
Central Date: November 22, 2019 Meeting site: MassHire North Central Career Center 100 Erdman Way, Leominster, MA Parking: Free Time: 10am-1pm	Framingham, Norwood, Worcester, Southbridge, North Central	Fitchburg, Framingham, Southbridge, Worcester	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wpp-regional-joint-meetings-leominster-tickets-77158435959

Area/Meeting Location	MDCS	DTA	LINK TO REGISTER
Northeast Date: November 13, 2019 Meeting site: Lawrence DTA 280 Merrimack Street, Lawrence, MA 01843 Time: 10am-1pm	Lawrence, Lowell, Salem	Chelsea, Lawrence, Lowell, Malden, North Shore (Salem)	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wpp-regional-joint-meetings-lawrence-tickets-77163270419
Southeast Date: November 5, 2019 Meeting site: Taunton DTA Office 21 Spring Street, Taunton, MA Time: 10am-1pm	Fall River, Taunton, Attleboro, New Bedford, Cape	Fall River, Hyannis, New Bedford, Plymouth, Taunton	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wpp-regional-joint-meetings-taunton-tickets-77163731799
Boston/Metro North Date: November 6, 2019 Meeting site: Quincy DTA 1515 Hancock Street, Suite 105, Quincy, MA Time: 10am-1pm	Downtown Boston, Boston, Woburn, Chelsea, Cambridge Brockton	Brockton, Dudley Square (Boston), Newmarket Square (Boston), Quincy	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/copy-of-wpp-regional-joint-meetings-bostonmetro-north-tickets-77164516145

In case of inclement weather, or to check if there have been any training cancellations, please call the MassHire Department of Career Services Training and Meeting Message Line at 617-626-5250.

Background: Consistent with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and effective July 1, 2017, an Interdepartmental Service Agreement (ISA) was signed between the MassHire Department of Career Services (MDCS) 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 MassHire 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 and DTA partners who may need to attend this event are aware of the upcoming meeting.

Effective: Immediately

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