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To: Chief Elected Officials
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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: August 29, 2017

Subject: **Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of the Department of Education's Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program and informational webinar.

Background: As part of a PSA type outreach campaign to educate federal student loan borrowers, the Department of Career Services was contacted by the Director of Consumer Outreach and Compliance at the Center for Consumer Advocacy at American Student Assistance.

This fall, the first federal student loan borrowers who work in public service will be eligible to have the balance of their loans forgiven under the Department of Education's Public Service Loan Forgiveness program. In order to make sure that all potentially eligible borrowers are aware of this program and its eligibility requirements, an outreach campaign has been initiated with the goal of reaching at least 100K federal student loan borrowers. As part of this campaign a free webinar for borrowers and their employers, as well as a free employer toolkit to help eligible employers educate their employees, is being offered. The toolkit is at the bottom of www.asa.org/pslf.

To be eligible for PSLF, federal student loan borrowers must make 120 eligible payments while working for an eligible employer. Eligible employers include state, local, federal or tribal government organizations, 501© (3) non-profits and other non-profits that provide a public service. Details about these requirements are available at the link listed above. Note, it does not matter what the employees' role is at the organization, as long as the employer is considered eligible under PSLF rules.

Helping employees understand this program can be a great way to help retain staff as well as recruit new staff. The Center for Consumer Advocacy hopes to reach some of the millions of federal loan borrowers potentially eligible for this program.

Feel free to disseminate this information to not only your team, but also anyone else you feel may benefit from it. **All of this is free to anyone and there will not be collection of personal information or reaching out to anyone beyond providing information about the webinar.**

Meeting Title:	Public Service Loan Forgiveness: What You Need To Know
Host(s):	Center for Consumer Advocacy
From Email:	consumeradvocacy@asa.org
Date & Time:	Tue, Sep 12, 2017, 1:30-2:30 PM Eastern Daylight Time
Meeting Type:	Web & Audio
Audio Details:	Dial-In Number(s): U.S. & Canada: 866.740.1260 U.S. Toll: 303.248.0285 Access Code: 7284608
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Requested: Please share this information with staff and partners as appropriate.