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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: October 21, 2015

Subject: **Reemployment Services and Reemployment Eligibility Assessment Program (RESEA) Training**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of the upcoming Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) Program Training scheduled in November.

DCS Central Programs Unit, DUA, and the MOSES team will conduct a training session on:

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2015
Time: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
Location: Workforce Central Career Center
44 Front Street, 7th floor, Room 725,
Worcester, MA 01608

This training is intended for any new employees or staff recently assigned to the RESEA Program. All staff conducting RESEA Reviews must attend this training if they did not attend the full day training in June 2015. This session will consist of an overview of the RESEA Program with emphasis on the RESEA Program processes, MOSES data entry, common errors, and reports that are available to assist with managing the program, and communicating with DUA.

Background: The Unemployment Insurance (UI) program provides an important core service in the comprehensive, integrated workforce system established under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), which was recently revised by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Through the UI program, individuals who have lost employment through no fault of their own and have earned sufficient wage credits may receive UI benefits if they meet initial and continued UI eligibility requirements. DCS and DUA have been striving to address individual reemployment needs of UI claimants, and to prevent and detect UI improper payments through the UI RESEA program since 2005. Both activities are high priorities for the Department's Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

The RESEA program has provided claimants entry to a full array of reemployment services available at American Job Centers (AJCs), and has helped to ensure that claimants comply with all UI eligibility requirements. Individuals filing UI claims are active job seekers who, through the state's RESEA program are made aware of the wide variety of reemployment services that are available to them. They are referred to the appropriate reemployment service for their individual needs.

DCS and DUA are in full support and share the national vision and framework for providing increased and improved Reemployment Services (RES) to our UI claimant customers. Therefore, DCS and DUA will continue to implement Massachusetts' program model for UI claimants that has always leveraged RES with Reemployment Eligibility Assessment (REA) components as part of the mandatory program requirements.

Action

Required: Please share this issuance with all REA Specialist and other appropriate staff and ensure that all staff assigned to the RESEA program register for this training.

Register for this training by October 28, 2015 using Eventbrite
<http://resea2015training.eventbrite.com>

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