

MASSACHUSETTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

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To: Chief Elected Officials
Workforce Development Chairs
Workforce Development Directors
Title I Administrators
Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: December 22, 2016

Subject: **Release and Availability of 5 Issue Briefs from an Evaluation of the Linking to Employment Activities Pre-Release Specialized American Job Centers**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of Training and Employment Notice [\(TEN\) No. 24-16](#), "*Release and Availability of Five Issue Briefs from an Evaluation of the Linking to Employment Activities Pre-Release (LEAP) Specialized American Job Centers*" posted by the Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) on December 20, 2016. These briefs provide lessons learned and implementation issues faced by grantees working to provide employment and training services for incarcerated individuals.

Background: The LEAP pilot grants were issued to support the development of service models to provide career development and training services to individuals before release from incarceration in local jails. These briefs document the early lessons learned from and explore implementation issues faced by the pilots:

1. Bridging Workforce Development and Corrections Cultures
2. Internet Access for Pre-Release Job Search Training
3. Structuring Employment-Based Services Within Jail Spaces and Schedules
4. Staffing Jail-Based American Job Centers
5. Expediting the Launch of Service Provision

Action

Requested: Please disseminate this information to appropriate staff and workforce partners.