The Massachusetts Regional Employment Collaboratives (RECs)

June 14, 2023

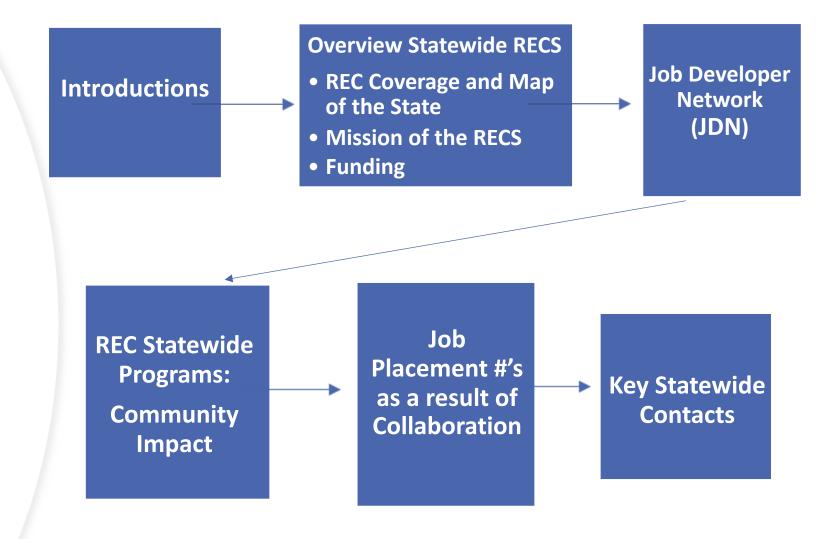




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<u>Agenda</u>



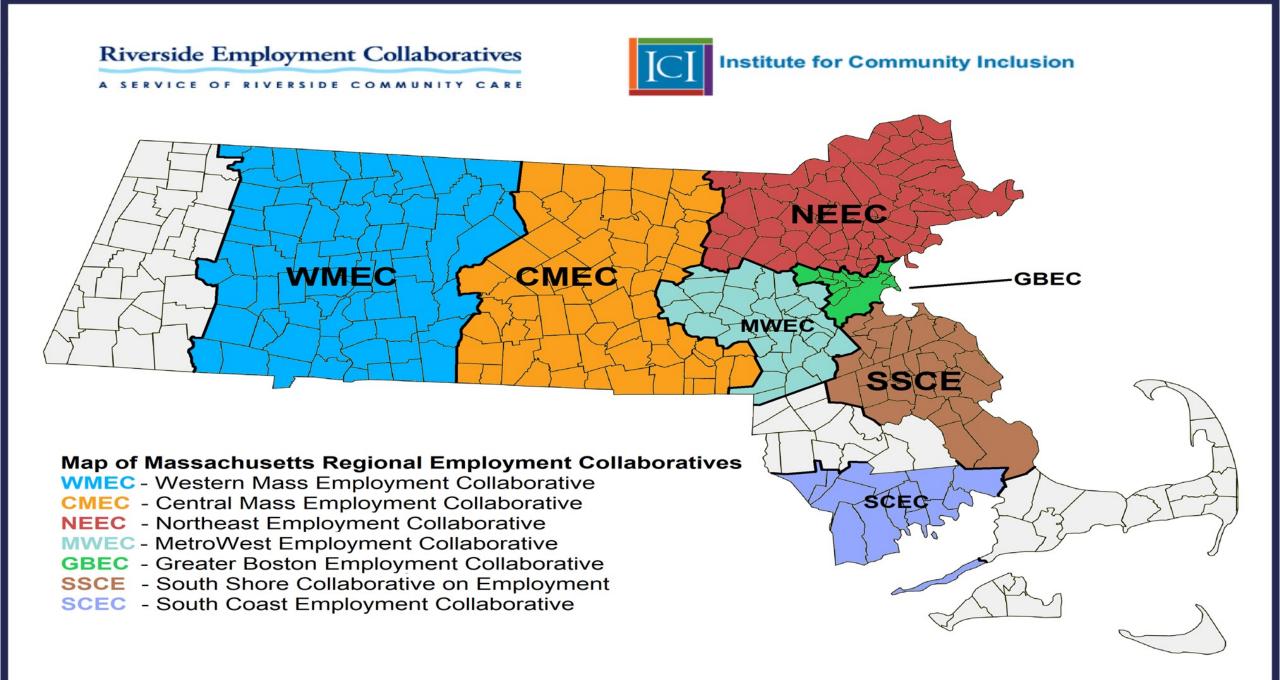


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<u>Mission</u>

Continuously expand the number of meaningful employment options available to individuals with disabilities who are viewed as valued employees by satisfied employers

Facilitate collaboration to promote coordination & communications in engaging employers through a partnership approach

Increase employer workforce capacity: Diversity Equity and Inclusion, (DE&I)

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Current Funding







Regional Employment Collaboratives (RECs) Model

Established in 2013 from a Medicare Innovation Grant The model has been proven to work and expanded continuously



DEVELOP EMPLOYER RELATIONSHIPS

USE A "SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT" MODEL WITH EMPLOYERS HR STAFF

PARTNER WITH HR

COORDINATE & SHARE JOB LEADS WITH OUR JOB DEVELOPER NETWORK (JDN) EMPLOYER PARTNER ACCOUNTS: EMPLOYERS THAT WE HAVE RELATIONSHIPS



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Overview of the

Massachusetts

Regional

Employment

<u>Collaboratives</u> Model Partnership of state agencies, employers, workforce development entities, and employment service providers.

Common goal of increasing employment opportunities and outcomes for individuals with disabilities.

Broadening the range of businesses employing job seekers served by our partners and enhancing access to career-oriented training and resources.

Create a streamlined and efficient way for businesses to work across the state as they requested.

Access to a qualified candidate pool of job ready candidates with disabilities. Support from Department of Development Disabilities (DDS) and the Department of Mental Health (DMH).

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Over 100 Community Based Organizations (CBO's) are part of the REC collaborative network across Massachusetts!

Attend the JDN, Steering and All Partner meetings

 Actively participate; share industry information; share network connections; maximize use of Basecamp Support the weekly data "WERS" Reporting

 Use the "Touched By A Collaborative" guidelines from DDS/DMH **Collaborate and Communicate...**

Program Offerings

Employer Worksite Tours and Spotlight Webinars

Statewide Ace the Interview Sessions

Soft Skills Training

Training, Program & Resource Webinars

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Job Developer Network (JDN)

Facilitate

Facilitate bi-weekly meetings with Employment Services Staff

- Job Developers, Employment Specialists & Job Coaches
- Leads & Needs
- Resources
- Events
- Speakers

Conduct

Conduct Data Collection through weekly Survey (WERS) report

 Measures collaborative efforts that result in employment ideally
Offers Made / Offers Accepted / Offers Declined
Touched by a Collaborative guide

Leverage

Leverage Basecamp, for communications

A cloud-based platform

Multiple bulletin boards and folders

All members can fully interact on the platform

Eliminates email overload

Community Impact!

- Training programs:
 - CVS Health Retail Training Abilities in Abundance: cohort 14 completed
 - Designed and Delivered Amazon Warehouse Associate Training program pilot
 - CORI Training
 - Culinary Career Academy
- Working with our state partners:
 - Partnered with MRC for the Amazon training program development, recruitment & delivery
 - Supporting MRC's statewide NextGen program
 - Continue to partner with the MassHire Career Centers and the all the statewide Workforce Boards
 - Communicate and partner with ICI on Training and Grants



















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Facilitate	Reinforce	Broaden	Create	Provide
Facilitate a partnership of state agencies, employers, workforce development entities, and employment service providers.	Reinforce a common goal of increasing employment opportunities and outcomes for individuals with disabilities.	Broaden the variety of businesses employing job seekers served by our partners and enhancing access to career- oriented training and resources.	Create a streamlined and efficient way for businesses to work across the state as they requested	Provide employers access to a qualified candidate pool of job ready candidates with disabilities.

Collaboration = Increased Job Offer

Results



FY'21	Offers Made	Offers Accepted
Total	778	768
FY'22	Offers Made	Offers Accepted
Total	1102	1109

FY'23 YTD	Offers Made	Offers Accepted
Total	788	X

From March 14, 2020 to May 11, 2023 – the Covid Pandemic Period, organizations in MA collaborated to support 2795 people obtaining work

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What questions may we answer

for you?

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