

# Dislocated Worker, Adult Career Pathways, and Trade Adjustment Assistance Program Updates

MAWB Job Seeker Services Meeting, May 26, 2021

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## Adult Programs Communication

- Partner Express monthly newsletter – email [deed.taa@state.mn.us](mailto:deed.taa@state.mn.us) if you would like to subscribe.

## Dislocated Worker and Federal Adult Programs

### PY20 Data Freeze:

- July 9, 2021. This means, all data you'd like included in the PY20 annual reports (state and WIOA) will need to be in the system by COB 7/9/2021.
  - The main area to concentrate on is Measurable Skill Gains; every participant that attended training at any time during the program year (07/01/2020 – 06/30/2021) must have at least one MSG on their record during that same time or it will be a negative in the MSG measure.
  - Amy C. will be sending each partner a report with instructions.

### New Workforce One Questions (relating to new DWGs):

- New Questions on WF1 – “Do you, family, friends have a history of opioid abuse?” this question is voluntary, but helpful for assessing if we need to scale the Opioid grant statewide.

### WIOA DW, WIOA Adult, and State DW:

- PY19 allocations are closing on 06/30/2021. Please review performance article in the Partner Express (released on 5/10/21) for instructions on how to perform data entry requirements by the deadline provided within that article. If you have questions, please email [Amy.Carlson@state.mn.us](mailto:Amy.Carlson@state.mn.us)
- PY21 WIOA Adult and DW Allocations:
  - Planning documents were sent in an email on May 14<sup>th</sup> and due to the team on Friday May 28<sup>th</sup>.
- State DW Formula Fund: Preliminary allocations will be available mid-late May

### Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board (MJSP) meeting:

- Scheduled for Monday, June 14, 2021

### Carry Forward Requests:

- Providers may request a waiver to carry forward more than 20% of their allocated PY20 funds into the next program year using the provided template (link below). Providers who expend or obligate at least 80% of their PY20 formula funds by the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter do not need a waiver.
- Please submit your waiver by June 7<sup>th</sup> to allow enough time for leadership approval.

## Adult Career Pathways Programs

### Legislative Direct Appropriation Grants/ Competitive Grants SFY20/21

State Legislators continue to meet, and the ACP team is watching these sessions closely as the final budget will determine SFY22-23 program budgets. We expect that RFPs will be released summer 2021.

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The ACP Team released a Tech Training Pilot Project RFP on March 11<sup>th</sup>, with a due date of Friday April 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a new program within ACP serving adults 18-30 and targeting underrepresentation of BIPOC communities in the Technology field.

## SNAP E&T 50/50

DEED has contracted with a total of eight SNAP E&T 50% Reimbursement Grantees for SFY21. This program offers 50% reimbursement (up to \$200,000 this year) on expenses already incurred through ACP's Pathways to Prosperity and Mn Family Resiliency Partnership programs.

## ACP Operations Guide

ACP's [Operations Guide](#) is now available from [the ACP home page](#). The Guide documents current practices for ACP. The ACP Team meets monthly to discuss suggested additions, updates, modifications, and other changes to the guide and update as necessary. The Guide is intended to be a living document and will be updated as procedures evolve. It does NOT include [measures implemented in response to COVID-19](#), which are listed separately.

## Workforce One User Guide

The ACP team is working to update the ACP Workforce One Guide to reflect updates and changes to programs in the past two years. Stay tuned for the updated guide to be ready soon!

## Workforce One

### SFY20-21 Program Outcomes

The ACP team wants to encourage each Grantee to review their SFY20/21 ACP Program goals and outcomes to date. If you are having questions, or see some discrepancies, please reach out to your Coordinator for assistance. One of the most common discrepancy the team is noticing is the coding of activities to credentials.

## Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)

### Staffing update

- Laurie Larson, TAA Specialist, has accepted a position with the Department of Transportation. She has been on the TAA team for about six years. **Laurie's last day with TAA is May 25.**

### Roundtables

Minnesota TAA hosted **virtual Roundtables for Dislocated Worker Counselors April 13-15, 2021.**

- Powerpoints are available at this link on the Presentations tab <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/dislocated-worker/counselors/training/>
- TAA sent a follow-up email to attendees on May 5 that included:
  - Certificate of Training Attendance
  - Contact information for current TAA staff
  - Q&A from the Roundtable sessions

### Reversion and Sunset Clauses

Blog from DOL re: [Reversion and Sunset Clauses of the 2015 TAA Program](#)

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Minnesota TAA will follow Department of Labor's guidance for continued guidance and planning.

**Reversion 2021:** Without Congressional action, on July 1, 2021, the TAA Program will revert to a modified version of the Trade Reform Act of 2002. Any workers covered under a Petition for Trade Adjustment Assistance filed on or after July 1, 2021, would be covered by this modified version.

**Sunset Provisions:** Again, this is *only if* no Congressional action is taken. The TAA Program will sunset (expire) on June 30, 2022. No additional Petitions will be accepted after that time. No additional funding will be awarded after June 30, 2022. Unexpended funds from previous, but active, fiscal years will still be available for expenditure subject to any restrictions explained in the Operating Instructions.

### Petitions:

- TAA/Rapid Response staff are researching two (2) companies for possible trade-impacted layoffs
- Pending Department of Labor (DOL) determination: five (5) petitions
- Recently denied: DeCare Dental, St Paul