

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

MAWB Job Seeker Services Meeting, June 16, 2021

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Dislocated Worker and Federal Adult Programs

Long Term Attachment to the Labor Force Amendment:

- To facilitate and expedite recruitment efforts, and remove barriers for potential participants, DEED is making a temporary amendment to the current definition of long attachment to the labor force as follows:
 - *Long attachment to the labor force: has worked for two full pay periods or one month, whichever is less.*

PY20 data freeze date:

- 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.

WIOA DW, WIOA Adult, and State DW:

- NOA received from DOL for PY20 WIOA DW additional allocations. Planning and budget form will be sent to providers who have opted into receiving these additional funds.

Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board (MJSP) meeting:

- New date scheduled: Monday June 28, 2021

Q3 Performance:

- See attachments

Adult Career Pathways Programs

Welcome to DEED's ACP Team, Jenilee Drilling!

[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.

The ACP Team released a Tech Training Pilot Project RFP on March 11th, with a due date of Friday April 30th. This is a new program within ACP serving adults 18-30 and targeting underrepresentation of BIPOC communities in the Technology field. Proposals have been scored and recommendations have been forwarded to the Commissioner's office for final approval. We anticipate awards being announced soon.

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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 on expenses already incurred through ACP's Pathways to Prosperity and Mn Family Resiliency Partnership programs.

The SNAP E&T 50% Reimbursement Program runs on SFY and it is anticipated that other invitations to apply will follow SFY22-23 Grant awards.

ACP Guides

ACP's [Operations Guide](#) is now available from [the ACP home page](#). This guide does NOT include [measures implemented in response to COVID-19](#), which are listed separately.

The ACP team continues to work on updating 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 encourages Grantees 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.

Please also continue to monitor your budgets to ensure funds are utilized. Again, if you have any questions about your budgets please feel free to connect with your Grant Coordinator.

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)

Electronic Document Storage

TAA staff have begun using the **Electronic Document Storage (EDS)** feature in WF1. As of 7/1/2021, all new customers/files will be 100% EDS. For customers accessing TAA before 7/1/21, TAA Specialists can choose to use either an EDS or physical file. Each file will be either 100% electronic or 100% physical/paper.

Reversion Clause

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.

Current customers and people who are eligible under an older petition continue to receive the benefits under the appropriate law of their petition. Nearly all of our current customers are covered by 2015 Law and their services/benefits will not change.

TEGL 24-20 - Operating Instructions for Implementing the Reversion Provisions of the Amendments to the Trade Act of 1974 Enacted by the Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2015, has been added to the ETA Advisory database and is available at https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=6175.

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Petitions

- TAA/Rapid Response staff are researching three (3) companies for possible trade-impacted layoffs
- Pending Department of Labor (DOL) determination: two (2) petitions
- Recently denied: Vervent, Laverne
- Recently certified: The Mosaic Company, Plymouth; Teleflex, Maple Grove