

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

MAWB Job Seeker Services Meeting, January 26, 2022

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Dislocated Worker and Federal Adult Programs

STAFFING UPDATES!

- Heather Moore has accepted a position in the Minnesota Department of Human Services, effective December of 2021.
- Applications are now being accepted for a Grant Coordinator position (Job ID 51792) through 2/01/2022. For more information and to apply for this position, please visit <https://mn.gov/mmb/careers/>.
- Please join us in welcoming Frederick (Fred) Nah, MBA, CFE, as a Grant Specialist Senior to the Dislocated Worker and Federal Adult Programs team! Fred has over 20 years of experience in grant management and fiscal analysis and comes to us from the Minnesota Department of Revenue.

WIOA Adult, WIOA Dislocated Worker, National Dislocated Worker Grants, and Minnesota State Dislocated Worker

- Please email all requests, reports, technical assistance questions, etc. to the Dislocated Worker Federal Adult Programs general email at DWFAPrograms.DEED@state.mn.us
- **Reallocations**
 - Final WIOA Py19 Dislocated Worker & Adult reallocations were sent out to those who opted in to receive them. Please ensure you submit your work plan and budgets if you have not yet done so.
- **Performance**
 - Program Year 2021, Quarter One Performance Outcomes for Minnesota State Dislocated Worker, National Dislocated Worker Grants, WIOA Dislocated Worker, and WIOA Adult programs are available for review. Highlights include:
 - All programs met or exceeded the 2nd Quarter Employment goal this quarter. Participants in this measure exited the programs between July 1, 2020 and September 30, 2020;
 - All programs met or exceeded the 4th Quarter Employment goal this quarter. Participants in this measure exited the programs between January 1, 2020 and March 31, 2020;
 - Most programs exceeded (and all met) the median earnings goal this quarter. Participants included in this measure exited the programs between July 1, 2020 and September 30, 2020; and
 - Most programs exceeded (and all met) the credential attainment goal this quarter. Participants included in this measure exited the programs between January 1, 2020 and March 31, 2020.

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) & Legacy Program

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- **SCSEP**
 - Please send all SCSEP and Legacy grant requests, including Technical Assistance requests and Quarterly Narrative Reports, to DWFAPrograms.DEED@state.mn.us in Heather's absence. RPRs and SFRs should continue to be sent to DEED.FSR@state.mn.us on or before the 20th of each month.
 - Data Validation for SCSEP is beginning in January and should conclude in March. DEED monitors sent an initial email on 12/20/2021 regarding the plan and process. Please pay close attention to the upcoming deadlines.
- **Legacy Program**
 - The Legacy Program ended on 10/22/2021 and the final report to DOL is due on 2/15/2022. As we prepare the final report, we may be reaching out for information.

Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board

- Next meeting will be March 7, 2022. Please submit your supplemental funding request no later than Feb. 7th.

Adult Career Pathways Programs

Legislative Direct Appropriation Grants/ Competitive Grants

The ACP team is busy finalizing the last Direct Appropriation contracts for SFY22. In addition to four additional Pay-for-Performance contracts that came out of this past session, we increased the number of directly appropriated contracts to sixteen Grantees.

Award letters for the competitive grants have gone out and Workforce One training for ACP programs will be held in February. Please watch your inbox for invitations.

Award decisions for the Getting to Work and Internationally Trained Professionals programs are not yet final. We anticipate announcements in the next coming weeks.

As a Reminder: All participants enrolled in an SFY20-21 ACP program MUST be appropriately exited from Workforce One (WF1) upon the completion of the grant.

In order for your organization to capture outcomes for these participants, they must be exited within 45 days from Workforce One (WF1) from the expiration of the grant contract (in most cases for recently ended contracts, the end date 12/31/21).

If your organization received a SFY22-23 grant for the same services/training, and have participants in the midst of receiving services or attending training by the end of your SFY20-21 contract, these participants can be re-enrolled in the SFY22-23 grant. In this case, these participants will have to be exited in WF1 with the **Program/Type Transfer** exit reason, then re-enrolled into your SFY22-23 program.

It is imperative that the participant is **EXITED** from the SFY 21 funding and **ENROLLED** into SFY22-23 with a new application. Do not just change funding streams on activities. If this happens you will not capture the service to the participant on your SFY20-21 grant and they will not be counted in outcomes.

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You must make sure that all enrollment documents (intake/application, IEP, etc.) are current, up-to-date, and signed prior to enrolling into the new funding stream. It is not necessary to complete new enrollment documents if eligibility was determined within the last 6 months. Providing a case note in WF1 detailing the transfer will be required. Workforce One will not allow an enrollment with paperwork outside of 180 days (6 months).

In addition, the new SFY 22 Funding Streams will not be available in Workforce One until all parties have signed the contract and the finalized/executed contract has been emailed to the grantee.

SNAP E&T 50/50

We are anticipating invitations to participate in the next year's SNAP E&T 50% Reimbursement program will be sent by the end of January. If your organization indicated interest, you will receive an email invitation soon. Please contact Ann Meyers at ann.meyers@state.mn.us if you have any questions about the program or how you may be able to take advantage of these funds.

ACP Guides

Even during these busy times, the ACP team continues to update the [Operations Guide](#) posted at [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, Stay tuned for the updated guide to be ready soon!

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)

Navigating TAA Training

TAA is proud to announce the release of a new resource for customers in TAA-approved occupational skills training: Navigating TAA Training Booklet, along with a one-page summary called Navigating TAA Training Quick Summary Guide. Both documents are in the DEED TAA Forms section <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/dislocated-worker/counselors/forms/>, the DEED Counselor Portal under Resources and Program Materials <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/dislocated-worker/counselors/training/>, and on the TAA CareerForce page <https://www.careerforcemn.com/TAA>.

TAA must be the primary source of funding

TAA must be the primary source of funding for assessments and training costs for those eligible under a TAA petition. If a person is interested in pursuing training that results in an industry-recognized credential -- for long-term or short-term training -- TAA must receive the training application before Dislocated Worker funds can be used. This was a finding in TAA's 2019 federal monitoring report and is reiterated in the Final Rule - 618.625 <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2020-13802/p-1829>

Assessments: TAA offers COPS, CAPS, COPES

TAA requires a standardized assessment be submitted with the training application. TAA offers the COPS, CAPS, COPES free of charge to customers. If you'd like to request electronic access to the assessment for a customer, follow these steps:

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1. Send the customer's name and email address to the general TAA email (deed.taa@state.mn.us) requesting TAA send an invite via email to the customer
2. The customer will follow the instructions in the email to complete the assessment
3. Request customer share the results with you
4. Submit a copy of the assessment results with the TAA training application

Petitions

Here's the link to check the status of petitions with U.S. Department of Labor

https://www.doleta.gov/tradeact/petitioners/taa_search_form.cfm

- **Pending** Department of Labor (DOL) determination: four (4) petitions