

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

MAWB Job Seeker Services Meeting, February 23, 2022

Adult Programs Communication

- Partner Express monthly newsletter – email deed.taa@state.mn.us if you would like to subscribe.
- Our team is working on updating the Partner Express. We want to make the newsletter informative and relative to your work. The process will begin by purging all current email addresses on the distribution list. Those individuals will receive an email informing of the purge and a process to re-subscribe.

We appreciate your patience as we make the Partner Express better for everyone! Watch your email for further details and instructions.

Dislocated Worker and Federal Adult Programs

Performance Updates:

- Regional Office will Negotiate PY 22 and 23 performance standards during Summer of 2022. Performance TEGL projected to be issued in the upcoming weeks.

Federal Disclosure Language:

- All materials created using federal funding to promote or market programs must include an acknowledgement language, which includes:
 - The percentage of the total costs of the program or project which will be financed with Federal money;
 - The dollar amount of Federal funds for the project or program; and
 - The percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program that will be financed by non-governmental sources.

Additional PY21 WIOA Funds:

- On Friday, 2/18, DOL released TEGL 7-21 - *Reallotment of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I Formula-Allotted Funds for Dislocated Worker (DW) Activities for Program Year (PY 2021)*
- MN will receive an additional \$741 for PY21 DW; allocations by local area will be sent out this week. Please let us know if you would like to accept or reject your area's reallocated amounts.

State Plan:

- Now posted for public comments. Please note that SCSEP updates will be shared separately.

DW Eligibility Policy:

- The Dislocated Worker Participant Eligibility Policy is currently being updated. We will seek comments/feedback in the upcoming weeks before it's finalized.

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MN RETAIN:

- Enrollment opened late December 2021. Currently, there are 75 participants enrolled.

Minnesota Jobs Skills Partnership (MJSP)

- Next MJSP Board Meeting: Monday, March 7th, 2022

Adult Career Pathways Programs

Legislative Direct Appropriation Grants/ Competitive Grants

The ACP team is busy finalizing the Direct Appropriation and Competitive contracts for SFY22.

- Currently, the ACP team is managing 16 directly appropriated contracts and 100 Competitive contracts for SFY22.

Notifications for competitive grants have been sent as of Jan. 31, 2022. 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.

Two Workforce One training sessions specific for ACP programs will be held in Feb. 22 (for Pathways to Prosperity providers only) and Mar. 1 (for all other ACP providers). Coordinators have sent invitations.

Internationally Trained Professionals RFP was re-released on Feb. 9; proposals are due Mar. 28, 2022 by 5:00pm (CST).

As a Reminder: In order for your organization to capture outcomes for SFY20-21 participants, they must be appropriately exited within 45 days from the completion of the grant in Workforce One (WF1) from the expiration of the grant contract

If your organization received a SFY22-23 grant for the same services/training and have appropriate 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 for SFY20-21, 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.

Please ensure all enrollment documents (intake/application, IEP, etc.) are current, up-to-date, and signed prior to enrolling into the new funding stream. In addition, a casenote in WF1 detailing the transfer will be required. Workforce One will not allow an enrollment with paperwork outside of 180 days (6 months).

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SNAP E&T 50/50

Invitations to participate in SFY22 SNAP E&T 50% Reimbursement program have been sent to those organizations who indicated interest on their primary application. If you have not heard from me and are interested, please contact Ann Meyers at ann.meyers@state.mn.us.

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)

Technical Assistance

TAA is beginning to plan virtual Roundtables for the Spring. We're currently planning an optional "TAA 101" session for newer Dislocated Worker Counselors or those with limited experience working with TAA customers. If/When the program is Reauthorized, TAA will offer robust technical assistance for all DW staff. Contact TAA any time your agency would like technical assistance for 2015 Law, Reversion 2021, or other TAA topics.

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: five (5) petitions