

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

MAWB Job Seeker Services Meeting, April 27, 2022

Adult Programs Communication

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Dislocated Worker and Federal Adult Programs

National Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs)

- Opioids – The Minnesota Initiative (OMNI) Program
 - 60 total participants enrolled with a total of 17 disaster related employment positions filled.
- COVID-19 Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant (DWG)
 - 132 total participants enrolled with a total of 35 disaster related employment positions filled.
- Period of Performance Extension through 6/30/2022 is currently in process. State may request proposed enrollment numbers including Disaster Relief Employment and expansion of types of positions.

DW Eligibility Policy:

- DOL reviewed the WIOA DW Eligibility policy and provided comments in March 2022. There are still two questions pending with the National Office. Once we received a response, the policy will be released for public comment period.
- State DW: In internal review. This will also be released simultaneously.
- An email will be sent out to all partners upon release

SCSEP:

- RFP to be released this week to bring on two new providers
- TEGl pending

WIOA DW, WIOA Adult, and State DW Funding:

- PY22 WIOA Allocations: TEGl pending; allocations will be sent out after TEGl is released.
- State DW Formula: Preliminary allocations will be available mid-late May

Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board (MJSP) meeting:

- Scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2022; supplemental funding requests are due by May 7, 2022.

Carry Forward Requests:

- Providers may request a waiver to carry forward more than 20% of their allocated PY21 funds into the next program year using the provided template (attached). Providers who expend or obligate at least 80% of their PY21 formula funds by the end of the 4th quarter do not need a waiver.
- Please submit your waivers by June 7th to allow enough time for leadership approval.

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[Legislative Direct Appropriation Grants/ Competitive Grants](#)

Quarterly Report templates are posted to each program page on the updated ACP webpage. As a reminder, the reports are due the 30th of the month following the end of the quarter (April 30, July 30, October 30, January 30).

The ACP team anticipates beginning to send out workplan documents for SFY23 in early May. We encourage Grantees to begin working on those as soon as possible in order for those to be executed by July 1, 2022.

The team is currently in the process of reviewing the submitted proposals for the **Internationally Trained Professionals** RFP and anticipate award notifications in the next couple weeks.

The ACP team has partnered with CareerForce MN to give our Grantees the opportunity to post their free trainings on the CareerForce website; <https://www.careerforcemn.com/training-programs>. This is an excellent opportunity to market your courses to the thousands of users that visit the site every month.

Feel free to reach out to the CareerForce help desk at careerforce@state.mn.us to request access or any additional assistance.

[SNAP E&T 50/50](#)

Any ACP Grantee interested in learning more about becoming a DEED SNAP E&T provider, please contact Ann Meyers at ann.meyers@state.mn.us.

[Mn Family Resiliency Partnership](#)

(Federally known as Displaced Homemaker Program)

A Request for Proposal was released Monday April 4 to the [DEED Grants and Contracts webpage](#).

“The Department of Employment and Economic Development, through its Employment & Training Division’s Adult Career Pathways programs, is seeking proposals from qualified responders to provide services to eligible Minnesota (Mn) Family Resiliency Partnership (federally known as Displaced Homemaker Program) adults in the Southeast region of Minnesota. Specifically, a responder to serve Houston, Fillmore, Mower, Winona, Olmsted, Dodge, Wabasha, Goodhue, Freeborn, Rice, and Steele counties.”

Information about the [Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership program](#) can be found on DEED’s ACP webpage.

[ACP Guides](#)

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 has completed and posted an ACP Workforce One Guide. Please check it out on our ACP webpage.

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Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)

Roundtables

Minnesota TAA hosted **virtual Roundtables for Dislocated Worker Counselors April 11 and April 13, 2022.**

- A survey was emailed to attendees; responses help TAA plan for future Roundtables.
- The Powerpoint and the recording are available at this link on the Presentations tab <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/dislocated-worker/counselors/training/>

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.

Benefits after Training

Please remind customers, especially Spring graduates, about the **Job Search Allowance** and **Relocation Allowance** benefits available for interviews/relocations that are 15 miles or more from the customer's home. Additionally, under 2015 Law, **Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance** is available to those who get a new job, are age 50+, are earning \$50,000 or less, and are making less than their layoff wage. All applications are available on the Counselor Portal: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/dislocated-worker/counselors/forms/>

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

- **Certified:** ([under Reversion 2021](#))
 - 98176 - NRI Electronics Inc., Rochester
 - 98104 – Baxter Healthcare, Integrated Supply Chain & Quality Division, Brooklyn Park
 - 98174 – Gannett Co., Inc., Various locations
- **Denied:**
 - 98211 - KWS Services North America LLC, Bloomington
 - 98176 – Nexplore US, Minneapolis
 - 98076 – Emerson Process Management, LLLP