

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

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Dislocated Worker and Federal Adult Programs

PY21 data freeze date 07/09/2022:

- This means, all data you'd like included in the PY21 annual performance reports (state and WIOA) will need to be in the system by COB 7/9/2022
 - You can boost performance by capturing your participant's skill gains before 07/09/2022
 - You can boost employment rates by entering supplemental wage information into WF1's Follow-up screen for cases showing "inquire" when running the WF1 CSWIR (Candidate for Supplemental Wage Information report)
 - Do NOT enter supplemental wages if this report does not show "inquire"
 - DEED adds supplemental wages and employer reported wage detail together
 - Entering supplemental wages for cases that will have those same wages reported by their employer will artificially inflate wages reported
- The participants included in PY21 performance:
 - 2nd Quarter Employment rate: Participants who exited the program 07/01/2020 – 06/30/2021 (not including those exited with an exclusionary exit reason)
 - 4th Quarter Employment rate: Participants who exited the program 01/01/2020 – 12/31/2020 (not including those exited with an exclusionary exit reason)
 - Median Earnings: Participants who exited the program 07/01/2020 – 06/30/2021 and have at least \$1 of earnings (not including those exited with an exclusionary exit reason)
 - Credential Attainment rate: Participants who exited the program 01/01/2020 – 12/31/2020 who attended training at any time during their enrollment period (not including those exited with an exclusionary exit reason)
 - Measurable Skill Gains: every participant that attended training at any time during the program year (had a training activity open on their case 07/01/2021 – 06/30/2022) must have at least one MSG on their record during that same time or it will be a negative in the MSG measure.

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PY21 through Quarter Three Performance:

- The State is currently meeting all performance goals

| PY21 through Q3 Statewide Performance Outcome Achievements | Served | 2nd Quarter Employment | 4th Quarter Employment | Median Earnings | Credential Attainment |
|---|--------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| State Dislocated Worker | 4,414 | SUCCESSFUL | EXCEEDING | EXCEEDING | EXCEEDING |
| WIOA Dislocated Worker | 1,407 | SUCCESSFUL | EXCEEDING | EXCEEDING | EXCEEDING |
| DWG | 196 | EXCEEDING | EXCEEDING | SUCCESSFUL | SUCCESSFUL |
| WIOA Adult | 1,404 | SUCCESSFUL | SUCCESSFUL | EXCEEDING | SUCCESSFUL |
| EXCEEDING = achieving higher than the negotiated performance standard | | | | | |
| SUCCESSFUL = achieving at least 50% of the negotiated performance standard | | | | | |
| UNSUCCESSFUL = achieving less than 50% of the negotiated performance standard | | | | | |

- See Attached PDFs for WDA performance information
 - State DW Performance PY21 Q3
 - WIOA Adult Performance PY21 Q3
 - WIOA DW Performance PY21 Q3
 - WIOA DWG Scorecard PY21 Q3

WIOA and State Dislocated Worker Eligibility Policy Draft Released for Public Comments:

- Eligibility policies and definitions for WIOA Dislocated Worker and State Dislocated Worker are being updated and are now released for public comments/feedback. The [draft policies](https://apps.deed.state.mn.us/ddp/PolicySearch.aspx?kw=Public%20Comment) are posted here: <https://apps.deed.state.mn.us/ddp/PolicySearch.aspx?kw=Public Comment>
- Feedback open through June 24, 2022; please share with your DW partners and networks

WIOA DW, WIOA Adult, and State DW:

- PY20 allocations are closing on 06/30/2022. Please review performance article in [March 2022 Partner Express](#) for instructions on how to perform data entry requirements by the deadline provided within that article.
- PY20 WF1 Funding Stream Closeout Training ([document attached](#)); if you have questions, please email Amy.Carlson@state.mn.us
- PY22 WIOA Adult and DW Allocations:
 - WDAs received planning document packet via email on Friday, May 20th. Planning documents are due to the team on Tuesday, May 31st. Please let us know if you need additional time.
- State DW Formula Fund: Allocations will be available soon.

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- DOL DW/DWG/RR/TAA Virtual Roundtable will be held June 14 and 16, 2022; updates will be shared after the meeting.

Carry Forward Requests:

- Total reimbursements through March 2022, for PY21, show 56% of WIOA adult, 63% of WIOA DW and 78% of State DW grantees will most likely need to submit a Carry Forward Request. Be sure to use the most updated form.
- Reminder: 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 4th quarter do not need a waiver.
- Thanks to the grantees who have submitted their requests already. Deadline to submit your waiver is June 7th to allow enough time for leadership approval.

DWG Extension:

- Period of Performance (POP) Extension request was submitted for both COVID-19 and Opioids Disaster Recovery Grants. A response is expected from DOL regional office by mid-June. Any modification to statement of work will be requested once the extension is approved.

Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board (MJSP) meeting:

- Scheduled for Monday, June 13, 2022.

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP):

- RFP was published April 29th to bring on two new providers
- DOL Region 5 conference was held 05/24/2022; focus on ensuring state policies are up to date especially Grievance, Durational Limits and Termination policies.
- DOL also shared the demonstration grant opportunities may be announced soon.
- Focus on services to justice involved individuals.
- Allocation TEGP is pending

RETAIN:

- Program enrollment and promotion are ongoing. Please refer any clients with illness or injuries for eligibility determination and review.
- Get updates and additional information on the website at <https://mnretain.com/>

Adult Career Pathways Programs

Legislative Direct Appropriation Grants/ Competitive Grants

The ACP team has sent each Grantee workplan documents for SFY23 with a due date of June 1. We encourage Grantees to begin working on these as soon as possible for those to be executed by July 1, 2022. We often have to

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work back and forth with Grantees to get approved documents, so please do not wait to start working on these.

The **Internationally Trained Professionals** award notifications were sent out Monday May 16 awarding six providers throughout the state. We are excited about this new program, focusing on Healthcare professionals, and look forward to seeing the outcomes.

The ACP Team is hiring for two temporary unclassified Workforce Development Specialist 3 (ACP Grant Coordinator) positions. The link to the postings is [Job ID 55984](#).

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.

[Mn Family Resiliency Partnership](#)

(Federally known as Displaced Homemaker Program)

A Request for Proposal was released Monday April 4, which closed May 16. We anticipate award announcement around June 15.

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

[ACP Guides](#)

The ACP team recently updated the [Operations Guide](#) and 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.

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)

[Summer Outreach](#)

TAA is excited to announce the kick-off of our Summer 2022 customer outreach campaign. This outreach campaign will target TAA eligible customers who have not utilized their benefits. Through these efforts, we hope you see an increase in calls and inquiries for the Dislocated Worker (DW) and Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) programs. The TAA team will be performing the following tasks during the dates outlined:

Letters: May 17 - May 31

Emails: June 1 – June 8

Phone calls: June 9 - 23

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Keep in mind that customers may be stepping forward from 2015 Law or Reversion 2021, so be mindful that you're sharing the appropriate information with the respective customer.

Even if a person is employed, have TAA determine if the person meets the definition of suitable employment: <https://apps.deed.state.mn.us/ddp/PolicyDetail.aspx?pol=174>

Technical Assistance

If your agency would like technical assistance on the TAA program/benefits, please contact us: 651-259-7543 or deed.taa@state.mn.us

- Recorded training is available at this link on the Presentations tab, and there are resources on the TAA Program Materials tab <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/dislocated-worker/counselors/training/>
- TAA can customize technical assistance based on your staff's needs and experience with TAA
- TAA values the work you do and is here to support you in serving DW/TAA customers

If/when the program is reauthorized, TAA will offer robust technical assistance for all DW staff.

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