

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

MAWB Job Seeker Services Meeting, March 22, 2023

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Dislocated Worker and Federal Adult Programs (DWFAP)

Formula Funds – WIOA Adult, WIOA DW and State DW:

- Have you updated your local area DW Eligibility Policy to align with the State’s updated policies?
 - Updated policies are available on MN DEED website:
 - [WIOA Dislocated Worker Eligibility Policy](#)
 - [State Dislocated Worker Eligibility Policy](#)
- **PY20** WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker Reallocated funds are now available. Please note that these funds must be expended by June 30, 2023. Any remaining/unused funds will be sent back to DOL.
 - Separate funding streams are available in WF1.
- **Quarterly Progress Report (QPR)** is due April 30th (for period Jan - Mar 2023). A QPR is required if the grant is active.
- **PY21** funds must be used by June 30, 2023.
 - Submit any modifications or transfer requests by **April 19th** to allow time for processing.
 - Cost category adjustment is allowed on the final Reimbursement Payment Request (RPR) if the total expended does not exceed the total approved budget. However, the Admin cost category must not exceed 10% of total reimbursed.
 - Any remaining unused funds will be reallocated to Local Areas that have spent out their PY21 funds.
- **PY23** funding information will be coming soon. DOL expects to release a TEGl sometime in April. As you may be aware, we usually have a limited turnaround time to plan, process, and execute agreements/workplans.
 - To help us move contract paperwork forward quickly, please begin having conversations with your partners to complete sections that are not affected by the budget (e.g.: Narrative). Once the TEGl is released and allocations are available, you can finalize your paperwork and send it in.
- **Carry Forward Requests** - Providers may request a waiver to carry forward more than 20% of their allocated PY22 funds into the second year of the grant using the provided template (attached). Providers who expend or obligate at least 80% of their PY22 formula funds by the end of the 4th quarter do not need a waiver.
 - Carry Forward Requests pertain to all formula grants: WIOA Adult, WIOA Dislocated Worker, and State Dislocated Worker
 - Submit waivers by June 2, 2023, to allow enough time for leadership approval and processing

Mass Layoff Project

- Wells Fargo Home Mortgage layoff is the newest Project.
- The Wells Fargo Planning and Selection Committee has chosen MN Teamsters Service Bureau/MN Job Partners to serve impacted workers.

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National Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs)/ Disaster Relief Grants (COVID-19 and OMNI/Opioids):

- The Opioid DWG will be monitored by DOL the week of March 20, 2023: CMJTS and WDI were the two selected Local Areas.
- Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) is due April 20th (for period Jan - Mar 2023). A QPR is required if the grant is active.
- Both DWGs will be ending on June 30, 2023.

Converting Layoffs Into Minnesota Businesses (CLIMB)

- Reminder: Unemployment Insurance (UI) is returning to pre-pandemic process for individuals enrolled in State Dislocated Worker CLIMB activity. See more information in [February 2023 edition of Partner Express Newsletter](#).

Re-entry Pilot Grant

- Congratulations to the 13 organizations awarded Re-entry Pilot grants
- Contracting and program implementation activities are in progress.

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

- Grants Performance Management System (GPMS)
 - All GPMS Training webinars, and Virtual Live Events are recorded and archived at [WorkforceGPS](#). You can also access GPMS e-newsletters, other GPMS resources and related materials at the same site. The FAQ is a great resource for questions and answers already covered, so remember to always check it out when you have a question just in case it is already answered.
 - The next GPMS Training is scheduled **for March 31, 2023 at 1:00 pm Central Time**. This session will focus on the intake and eligibility process for new SCSEP Participants. Please register at [WorkforceGPS](#).

Retaining Employment and Talent after Injury/Illness Network (RETAIN)

- MN RETAIN continues to scale its efforts across Minnesota. 950 people have enrolled!
- Do you or someone you know have an injury or illness that affects their work? Visit mnretain.com to see if RETAIN could help!
- MN RETAIN has a new [promotional video](#) about the enrollment process
- DOL will be Monitoring the RETAIN project May 2-3, 2023

Question from the Field

QUESTION: Are the COVID-19 pandemic waivers for Employment and Training Program (ETP) lifted? These are all still listed on MN DEED website at <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/etp/>

ANSWER: No. COVID-19 pandemic-related waivers are still active. The virus is under better control currently, but COVID-19 is still a threat. Also, new strains continue to surface from time to time. Please work with participants on a case-by-case basis to provide any needed flexibilities.

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Adult Career Pathways Programs

The *ACP Provider Training List for SFY22-23* is now posted! Categorized by industry sector, this is a list of projects funded through DEED's Employment and Training Division, Adult Career Pathways during SFY22-23. Each provider listed is linked to their website for easy referral. Please reach out to Jenilee Drilling (Jenilee.drilling@state.mn.us) if updates or changes need to be made to the list.

With the Legislation starting to meet for SFY24-25 budget, we encourage Grantees and interested organizations to check out the [DEED Competitive Grants and Contracts](#) page for SFY24-25 programs. The site posts all outgoing grants, and each solicitation includes a brief description of work and a link to its Request for Proposals (RFP). [Sign up to receive emails](#) when new opportunities are listed. Another suggestion is to watch the legislative sessions as you can see what is being proposed and if/when it gets funded.

Mn Family Resiliency Partnership (Federally known as Displaced Homemaker Program)

The MN Family Resiliency Partnership (MFRP) assists individuals who have spent a substantial number of years in the home providing homemaking services and have been dependent upon the financial support of another. For more information about the [Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership program](#) check out DEED's ACP webpage.

The ACP team encourages a collaborative approach to serving participants, when appropriate, to seamlessly meet the needs of participants and enhance a participant's career goals. Co-enrollments are allowed within organizations and between organizations including participants receiving pre-employment services through one of the six MFRP providers across the state. Participants who are eligible for the Mn Family Resiliency Partnership program are auto eligible to receive Dislocated Worker services to further their training and employment goals. And if you have a participant that may not be quite ready to employment or training, a referral an MFRP provider to receive those pre-employment/essential skills may be helpful.

Workforce One- ACP Programs

REMINDER: Providers are required to enter all Workforce One data within 15 days of the occurrence. When determining past performance, it is important that each Grantee enter data in Workforce One in a timely manner. If you need further assistance with your data entry or are seeing discrepancies in your data, please reach out to your Program Coordinator.

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)

Please email all questions and customer applications to the Trade Adjustment Assistance general email at deed.taa@state.mn.us

Tax time

While only Unemployment/TRA and A/RTAA are taxable income for TAA customers, some students may receive a 1098-T from their training institution. The national TAA office indicates, "The training provider is

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to report the total cost of the program in Box 1 and Box 5. These amounts should, in nearly all cases should be identical. As such, the amounts would cancel each other out. This would mean the participant is not able to claim any relevant tax credits when filing. It also means the filing individual would not report the amount as excessive income.”

Summer Credits and TRA Eligibility for TAA Customers

To remain TRA eligible through summer, TAA participants must be full-time students (as defined by the school) and not have a break greater than 30 business days between classes. [Minnesota State institutions](#) define full-time for TAA students during the summer as six credits. The University of MN and private institutions have different criteria. DW Counselors, please have TAA participants check full-time requirements of their learning institutions if not attending a Minnesota State school. As always, send UI/TRA-related questions to deed.tra@state.mn.us

So, what happens when the school doesn't provide degree focused classes during the summer? TAA asks students to explore options that will enhance their education or career. This may require taking an online course or taking a course from another institution that will transfer to the primary institution. Requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Program Restoration

TAA program restoration was included in the FY23 omnibus bill. Department of Labor will release a TEGL which will guide states on the next steps. [Previous Partner Express newsletters](#) include articles related to the phased termination that the TAA Program entered on 7/1/22.

Petitions

Petitions can still be filed, but DOL's investigation is paused until the TEGL is released. 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

Filed after July 1

- Torax Medical, St Paul
- Turck, Inc., Plymouth
- Ball Corp, St Paul
- Nordson Medical, Eagan