

Dislocated Worker and Trade Adjustment Assistance Program Updates

MAWB Job Seeker Services Meeting, February 19, 2025

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Dislocated Worker and Federal Adult Programs (DWFAP)

The Dislocated Worker and Federal Adult Programs Office has posted [seven policies](#) for a 30-day public comment period. Comment period is open through March 4, 2025.

1. Career Services Allowable Activities
2. Definition of Economic Self-sufficiency and Income Exclusion
3. Incumbent Worker Programs
4. Requests for Supplemental Funding to Serve Small Layoffs
5. Supportive Services and Follow-Up Services Allowable Activities
6. Training Services Allowable Activities
7. Title 1 WIOA Integrated Exit Policy - under the multiprogram section

The policies incorporate various updates and changes that are required as well as recommendations received from partners. Comments can be submitted by clicking the “Send a comment” function or by sending comments to dwfaprograms.deed@state.mn.us.

Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board (MJSP):

The next Board Meeting will be held on Monday, March 3, 2025, via Microsoft Teams. All MN Job Skills Partnership Board meetings are open to the public. Additional information on the time, meeting format, and location can be found on the MN Job Skills Partnership Board [web page](#). Note that the Preliminary SLIG Tier Rankings will be presented at this Board meeting.

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP):

PY2023 Participant and Host Agency Survey

- Survey in progress. The first wave of **participant surveys** was mailed on December 9, 2024.
- Two additional waves were scheduled at 3–4-week intervals for non-respondents but mailing of the second and third waves has been delayed. Updates will be provided as progress is made.
- **Host Agency Surveys** were mailed on February 7, 2025.

Grantee Performance Management System (GPMS)

- GPMS e-News [January 2025 Issue Vol 3](#) is now available.
- The **Workforce Integrated Performance System (WIPS)**, an ETA-operated tool used for calculating grantee performance, is now integrated into GPMS.
 - WIPS supports the reporting of the Quarterly Performance Report (QPR) and the Quarterly Narrative Report (QNR) at the grantee level.
 - As WIPS is interconnected with the State Wage Interchange System (SWIS), which enables wage data sharing among participating state agencies, this integration will enhance SCSEP’s employment outcome tracking (Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 Employment Rates, and Median Earnings) in GPMS. However, updates will still be subject to a two-quarter delay.
 - Providers must continue tracking and following up with exited participants for 3 quarters post-exit.

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Upcoming Deadlines:

- Quarter 2 data freeze was extended from February 15, 2025 to March 8, 2025.
- All relevant information, including earnings and paid hours, must be entered into GPMS by March 7, 2025.

Next Quarterly Meeting: Scheduled for **February 20, 2025**.

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

- Enrollment is ongoing for MN RETAIN, individuals with an illness/injury that need support to stay-at-work or return-to-work can contact MN RETAIN at worker@mnretain.com or through the contact form on mnretain.com.

Formula Funds – WIOA Adult, WIOA DW and State DW

Converting Layoffs Into Minnesota Businesses (CLIMB)

- A listening session to discuss policy updates for Converting Layoffs Into Minnesota Businesses (CLIMB) will be on 2/28/25, via MS Teams. This is to hear from employment counselors and/or staff involved with CLIMB on:
 1. Steps required prior to entering a CLIMB activity on the participant's record in Workforce One (WF1).
 2. CLIMB policy and procedures in general, as well as providing training and consultation to participants.

An email was sent out on February 13 with a link to register. This meeting will not be recorded.

- The Grants Team has resumed their Grant Status Meetings with grantees to review PY24FY25 grants. The goal is to provide opportunities for listening, discussion and collaboration, in an effort to be proactive in addressing any issues, providing additional support, and enhancing the success of your grant. Last year, the team met with grantees between July and December and focused on PY23. The feedback has been positive and encouraging for everyone.

Mass Layoff Projects:

- State Rapid Response Team (SRRT) received a WARN letter on 12/3/24, from Cargill, of the permanent layoffs of approximately 475 employees. Cargill Planning and Selection Committee chose Hired to serve the impacted workers.
- The State Rapid Response Team (SRRT) received a WARN letter on January 6, 2025, from IV Media, LLC dba ShopHQ, of the permanent layoff of approximately 128 employees from its facilities located in Eden Prairie. The Planning and Selection Committee chose Minnesota Job Partners to serve the impacted workers.

Use Dislocated Worker General Email to Reach All Team Members

Please continue to email requests, reports, technical assistance questions, etc. to the Dislocated Worker Federal Adult Programs general email at DWFAPrograms.DEED@state.mn.us.

Request for Technical Assistance Event Topics and assistance:

Should you have performance or data entry questions, please contact our general email performanceap.deed@state.mn.us