



Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Updates

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Introduction to the ETPL

- ETPL is Statewide list of approved education and training providers under WIOA.
- Ensures quality programs that lead to in-demand careers.
- Helps participants make informed training choices.
- Case Managers can only approve programs listed on ETPL if WIOA funding will be used to support the participant.

Introduction to the ETPL

- Purpose is to promote accountability, quality, and transparency in workforce training.
- ETPL is reviewed and updated regularly to ensure current and effective training options.
- Managed by ETPL Administrator – Thomas Sommer.
- Includes two websites managed by a Product Owner housed in the Performance and Technical Management Team (PTM): The Provider Portal and the Career and Education Explorer.
- Workforce System → ETPL → Training Providers → Participants → Employment Outcomes

ETPL Achievements

Sustaining a critical public resource:

- **A comprehensive ETPL:** Sustained a vast and diverse portfolio of training providers and programs across the state.
- **Compliance Oversight:** Maintained a 100% on-time submission rate for federal reporting.
- **Essential Public Service:** Facilitated critical access to training for Minnesotans.

ETPL Challenges

- **Inaccessible Data:** Outcome data is difficult to access for staff and job seekers.
- **Manual Processes:** Reliance on time-consuming data entry.
- **System Silos:** Lack of integration with key systems like Workforce One.
- **Evolving Standards:** New federal focus on transparency and quality.
 - Minnesota's PY22 and PY23 Annual ETPL Reports were initially rejected by the Department of Labor due to its size not compatible with their assessment tools. (Later accepted)
 - Many updates to reported training descriptions on character limitations, too few characters, errors in punctuation, duplicative training codes for the same provider, training programs without WIOA participants enrolled, etc.

The ETPL and its Alignment with Adult Programs

- **For Case Managers:** The definitive source for vetted trainings.
- **For Grant Coordinators:** Provides verified data for reporting and proposals.
- **For All:** Ensures we meet our mandate to offer quality, approved training.

ETPL Modernization Project - Overview

Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board 6% Funding Request from the Performance and Technical Management (PTM) Division.

\$750,000 to modernize Minnesota's ETPL system through data improvements, system integration, and user-focused enhancements.

Project Components:

- **\$250,000** to clean data and improve data management tools.
 - **\$250,000** to integrate key data streams.
 - **\$250,000** to integrate and improve user experience.

ETPL Modernization Project - Overview

- **Automate & Streamlined:** Reduces case management data entry and improves data accuracy.
- **Integrated Systems:** Creates a seamless flow of data with Workforce One and other key platforms. This will remove the chance of human error due to fields auto populating instead of requiring case managers to be coders.
- **Enhanced User Experience:** Provides transparent data for staff and job seekers. Provides the ETPL Administrator a date tracking dashboard on all incoming requests to ensure timely response and reports on length of time to post.
- **Ensures Compliance:** Updates to the ETPL policy coming soon to include additional performance measures for training providers, monitoring protocols, and mandates for all training providers to submit timely and thorough data files.

ETPL Resources and References

- **For Job Seekers, workforce staff, & Training Providers:**
 - [Minnesota ETPL Search Portal](#)
- **For Training Providers:**
 - [Training Provider Log-In - Eligible Training Provider List](#)
- **For Training Providers & Workforce Staff:**
 - [ETPL Policy and Guidance \(DEED\)](#)

Thank You!