

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult, WIOA Dislocated Worker (DW) and State DW

- Dislocated Worker Program Spring Virtual Webinar will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. All staff involved with DW service delivery are encouraged to attend. [Click here to register](#). Webinar topics include:
 - Priority of Service Requirements and Practice,
 - Clarification and Updates on State DW Program Eligibility Category Eight (Non-Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses).
- Program funding for State Program Year (PY) 2026/Fiscal Year (SFY) 2027 will be approved at the next MN Job Skills Partnership (MJSP) Board Meeting on June 15, 2026.
 - Planning Document packets will be emailed before then. As always, we encourage you to start working on non-budget-related sections and complete the rest once you receive your approved budget. It's a busy time for us and we always appreciate a quick turnaround on these whenever possible.
- As a reminder, Dislocated Worker providers are encouraged to request supplemental funding to serve individuals impacted by small layoffs when local participant demand outpaces available funding. The policy, [Dislocated Worker \(WIOA & State\) Supplemental Funding to Serve Small Layoffs](#), outlines the criteria the MJSP Board will use when evaluating requests for additional small layoff funding. **Requests must be received by DEED at least 30 days prior to the Board meeting date**. If you are considering submitting a supplemental funding request but need time to complete the forms, please email us with your intent. This allows us to take note and follow up with you prior to the deadline. We recommend that you submit your Supplemental Funding Requests by **12:00 p.m. on May 1, 2026**. Please use the attached forms to submit your request.
- PY24FY25 funds must be expended by June 30, 2026:
 - 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 PY24 funds.
- PY23 Reallocations must be expended by June 30, 2026, there will be no extension for reallocations.

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- PY25FY26 Carry Forward Request: Providers may request a waiver to carry forward more than 20% of their allocated PY25 funds into the second year of the grant using the provided template. Providers who expend or obligate at least 80% of their PY25 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 DW, and State DW. Submit waivers as soon as possible and no later than April 30, to allow enough time for processing and approval.

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

- The Minnesota Retaining Employment and Talent after Injury/Illness Network (MN RETAIN) is hosting a Summit for individuals interested in Stay-at-Work/Return-to-Work strategies to support ill or injured workers. The U.S. Department of Labor's Assistant Secretary of the Office of Disability Employment Policy – Julie Hocker – will be joining and delivering remarks at the top of the program. Topics covered will be:
 - History of MN RETAIN - Learn about the program's origins, its evolution over time, and the impact it has had on workers, employers, and communities across Minnesota.
 - RETAIN: The Concept of a Return-to-Work Case Manager: Uncover the key role RETAIN staff play in helping injured or ill workers recover and successfully reintegrate into the workplace.
 - Importance of Retaining Workers at Work - Understand how proactive retention isn't just good practice—it's essential for building a strong, healthy workforce.
 - Paid Leave | What to Know - Learn more about Minnesota Paid Leave and the paperwork process to handle cases accurately and confidently.

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

- The Region 5 SCSEP Grantee Roundtable is scheduled for May 12–14, 2026. Participation in this event is intended for grantee-level staff; however, a comprehensive summary of the discussions, key insights, and recommended practices will be shared with all sub-grantees following the conclusion of the meeting. The roundtable agenda will address the following topics among others:
 - Workforce Integrated Performance System (WIPS) wage matching and interpretation of WIPS performance reports.
 - America's Talent Strategy and its relevance to SCSEP.

Dislocated Worker & Federal Adult Programs and Performance Accountability Updates

MAWB Job Seeker Services Meeting, April 22, 2026

- SCSEP's new partnership initiative with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to enhance outreach and support enrollment.
- Braiding of Employment and Training Administration (ETA) funds, with emphasis on co-enrollment strategies with Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and other partner programs.

Federal Monitoring of WIOA Adult and DW:

- The U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Employment and Training Division will be Monitoring WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker in June of 2026. Dates and details, as well as local area, to be selected will be shared in the upcoming weeks.
- DOL Office of Inspector General will be conducting a two-week audit of various federal grants in May or June. Updates to be provided by Sr. leadership.

Reminders

- Monthly Financial Status Report (FRS)/Monthly Reimbursement Payment Request (RPR):
 - Due the 20th day of the month following the preceding month-end. For example, the September RPR/FSR (September 30 end date) is due October 20.
 - Report accrued monthly expenditures.
 - A monthly RPR/FSR is required even if no funds were expended.
- Quarterly Progress Report:
 - QPRs are due on the 30th day of the month following the end of the quarter, a QPR report is required for all active grants, even if no funds were expended.
 - Reports for Quarter ending 3/31/26 are due 4/30/26. Please report on all active grants.

Performance Updates:

Upcoming Program Year 2026 & 2027 State Performance Negotiations:

- Minnesota will be negotiating with the Department of Labor on May 27, 2026.

Local Area Performance Negotiation and Determination of Failure Policy:

- [Local Area Performance Negotiations and Determination of Performance Failure Policy](#) published as final on 4/10/26. (This was previously open for public comment from 11/1/24 through 11/30/24.)

Upcoming Mass Closure of Workforce One Activities funded by Expired Grants:

- PY2024 Allocation, PY2023 Reallocation, and expiring mass layoff project Closeouts for the Dislocated Worker (DW) and WIOA Adult (AD) Programs:
 - If your participant will be continuing receiving a service currently supported by PY2024 allocations, PY2023 reallocations, or expiring mass layoff projects after June 30, 2026, a new activity will need to be opened for each continuing service the participant will move forward receiving.

Reminder: All Dislocated Worker and WIOA Adult program year formula allocations (small layoff grants/WIOA Adult allotments) remain active for two years.

- PY2024 = July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026
 - PY2025 = July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027
 - PY2026 = July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2028
- This means their new activity will need a PY2025 or PY2026 formula grant selected within them depending on your agency's budget. PY2026 allocation funding streams will be activated as soon as those contracts are executed through DEED's Fiscal team.

IMPORTANT PY24 ALLOCATION & PY23 REALLOCATION WF1 CLOSEOUT INFORMATION

- All activities with a PY2024 allocation, PY23 reallocation, or expiring mass layoff project selected within them cannot have a start date after June 30, 2026. They must also have an end date no later than June 30, 2026.
- If any participant will continue receiving a service captured in an activity that is currently showing a PY2024 allocation, PY23 reallocation, or expiring mass layoff project supporting that service financially, that activity needs to be copied within the participant's WF1 activity detail screen.
 - The new activity will need a start date of July 1, 2026.
 - An active funding source (PY2025 or PY2026) will need to be selected as the grant financially supporting the continued service.
- To help in this funding source transition:
 - Mohamed Farah will mass close all currently open PY24 allocation, PY23 Reallocations, and expiring mass layoff project funded activities with an end date of June 30, 2026, which means you will only need to open/copy the old activities.
 - If you want to close the old activities yourself with a date no later than 06/30/2026, that is perfectly fine.
 - If you choose not to close them yourself, it will be taken care of for you.
 - ❖ This mass activity closure will begin August 3, 2026.

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- If there are cases without open activities on record showing an active grant as the funding source, the mass closure will not work for those cases.
 - Any cases that show they cannot be included in this mass activity closure will be emailed to the management team for the COFFR funding the case.
 - ❖ This communication will include directions on how the case manager will need to correct their data.
- Shortly after July 1, 2026, new funding streams will be added to your dropdown lists for PY2026 allocations.
 - The date these new funding streams will be available depends on when PY2026 contracts are in place.
 - Your management teams will be alerted as soon as your agency's PY2026 funding streams are available in WF1.

Requests for Technical Assistance:

Please email the performance team's general email address with your technical assistance needs: performanceap.deed@state.mn.us.