Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Career Pathways & Industry Partnerships Introductory Webinar

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Today’s Presenter

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Our mission: “Using the highest standard of customer service, Workforce Development and Economic Opportunity will enhance the quality of the State’s current and future workforce by efficiently and effectively utilizing funds to create training opportunities and sustainable employment aligned with the talent needs of New Jersey employers.”
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Career Pathways & Industry Partnerships

Webinar Goals

- Review of LWD Priorities
- Examination of Career Pathways & Industry Partnerships
  - Review of our draft definition
  - Let’s look at a model
  - Major implications for WIOA
- Upcoming Webinars
- WIOA Website and Conference
**Vision and Opportunities for NJ**  
**LWD Priorities**

**Reemployment**  
Reducing the amount of time that people are unemployed

**Opportunity**  
Increasing the number of individuals who are on a path to economic opportunity

**Alignment**  
Increasing the number of individuals with an industry-valued post-secondary degree or credential

**Accountability**  
Ensuring all workforce investments are efficient and effective
Career Pathways & Industry Partnerships

Our DRAFT definition

Career Pathways are a series of education and training experiences that enable individuals to secure industry valued skills or credentials which lead them to employment or the ability to advance to higher levels of future education and employment.

- Career Pathways is a concept. It is NOT a program.
- Career Pathways have various entry and exit points.
A Model

Notice:

- Continuous Learning combined with OJT
  - Silver Certificate
  - Certified Production Technician
  - Manufacturing Supervisory Certificate
  - Bachelor’s Degree
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Major WIOA Implications

• Employer Engagement is critical!
  – Skill Councils/Advisory groups are essential
  – Talent Networks are important, but no industry should be excluded.
  – Employers contribute to the development of meaningful curriculum.
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Major WIOA Implications

• The need for partnerships with secondary, post-secondary, and adult education schools
  – Develop career pathway programs
  – Recognition of prior learning experiences
  – Development of industry-recognized curriculum and credentials.
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Major WIOA Implications

• Integration of Career Pathways training strategies across all stakeholders.
  – Pre-apprenticeships
  – Apprenticeships
  – Internships
  – Mentorship
  – Job Shadowing
  – Career Exploration
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Major WIOA Implications

• Build Career Pathways training capacity among education and training providers.
  – Professional Development
  – Staff Development
  – Technical Assistance
**WIOA: Stakeholder Input: Webinars**

**Career Pathways and Industry Partnerships:** Focusing Literacy and Training Programs on Career Pathways; Enhancing Services to Employers; and Integrating Apprenticeship Programs into the Workforce Development System

- **February 19, 11:00 am**

**Services to Youth:** Expanding System Capacity; Standards for 75% Out-of-School Youth Services; and Improving Work-Based Youth Activities

- **February 24, 11:00 am**

**One-Stop Operations:** Defining Roles and Responsibilities for State and Local Partnerships; Enhancing One-Stop Partner Coordination; and Expanding System Capacity

- **February 26, 11:00 am**
WIOA: Stakeholder Input

*Website*

http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/wioa

- Website will serve as a single source of information and resources for WIOA implementation
- Stakeholders will be able to submit feedback through the website
- LWD staff will maintain the website in partnership with the SETC
WIOA: Stakeholder Input

WIOA Blueprint Implementation Conference

WIOA Blueprint Conference: April 1, 2015
Pre-Conference Working Sessions: March 31, 2015

- National experts will provide a broader perspective for participants
- LWD and SETC will provide an overview of existing efforts, priorities and accomplishments
- Breakout sessions will be held on key WIOA components to obtain feedback in smaller group settings
WIOA Resources

NJ WIOA Website:  http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/wioa

NJ WIOA Webinars : February 2015

NJ WIOA Blueprint Working Sessions:  March 31 2015

NJ WIOA Blueprint Conference:  April 1 2015

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SETC Website:  www.njsetc.net [Home Page link to WIOA Resources]

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