Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Serving Individuals with Disabilities

Webinar

February 10, 2015
The mission of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) is to enable individuals with disabilities to achieve employment outcomes consistent with their strengths, priorities, needs, abilities and capabilities.

As Director of DVRS, Ms. Hunnicutt oversees the administration of services helping individuals with disabilities that are having trouble finding or holding a job because of their disability.

If you have a disability preventing you from working or which is endangering your present employment, you are encouraged to submit a referral for services.
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Services to Individuals with Disabilities

Webinar Goals

- Vision and opportunities for New Jersey
- Major changes to Title IV
- Title IV timelines
- Services to individuals with disabilities: WIOA Provisions
- Opportunities for stakeholder input and engagement
- Webinar input and feedback opportunity
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**
Summary and Impact of WIOA

*Key Changes Title IV*

1. Employer engagement

2. Pre-employment transition strategies

3. Limitation on the use of sub-minimum wage
Timeline for NJ WIOA Title IV

WIOA signed into law July 22, 2014

Title IV authorized upon signature*

Preparing implementation of WIOA provisions taking effect immediately

*Limitation on use of subminimum wage effective July 2016

Preparing for full implementation of WIOA on July 1, 2016
Services to Individuals with Disabilities

WIOA Provisions

1. Emphasis on competitive integrated employment:
   - Greater coordination within the One-Stop system
   - Individuals with barriers to employment-target group

2. Local boards requirements:
   - Identify best practices
   - Provide technical assistance to One-Stops, partners, and service providers
   - Conduct an annual accessibility review of One-Stops
WIOA: Stakeholder Input: Webinars

**Governance and Planning:** Local Area Designation; Revised Board Membership Requirements; Revised WIB Certification Requirements; One-Stop Certification Standards; Creating a State Plan Blueprint; Identifying Regional Planning Areas; and Creating Regional and Local Area Planning Blueprints

February 11, 02:00 pm

**Performance and Accountability:** Implementing New Performance Accountability Measures; Refining the Educational Training Provider List Process; and Developing recommendations for additional Measures

February 12, 11:00 am

**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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WIOA Webinar Input and Feedback

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