Performance and Accountability

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

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Performance and Accountability Work Group

Webinar Goals

- Vision and Opportunities for New Jersey with WIOA
- Summary and Impact of Performance Components of WIOA Legislation
- Potential Areas of Discussion for Performance Workgroup
- WIOA Timelines and Resources
- Opportunities for Stakeholder Input and Engagement
- Webinar Input and Feedback Opportunity
Vision and Opportunities for NJ

**LWD-SETC 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

**Reemployment**
Meeting Jobseekers Where They Are

**Opportunity**
Equipping the Workforce for Employment

**Alignment**
Driving Investments Based on Industry Needs

**Accountability**
Increasing System Accountability
WIOA Performance and Accountability: Key Elements

- Section 116: Performance Accountability System
- Section 122: Eligible Providers of Training Services
“Primary indicators of performance” apply across all four programs:
- Title I: WIA;
- Title II: Adult Education and Literacy;
- Title III: Wagner-Peyser; and
- Title IV: Vocational Rehabilitation

New Measures:
- Credential Rate
- In-Progress Skills Gain
- Effectiveness of Services to Employers

Employment measures lagged to 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 4\textsuperscript{th} quarter after exit:
- WIA: 1\textsuperscript{st} and 3\textsuperscript{rd}
- 4\textsuperscript{th} quarter employment measure \textit{is not} retention

Earnings measure changed:
- From average to median;
- Is now a measure for all Exiters employed in 2\textsuperscript{nd} quarter after exit
Section 116 - Performance Accountability System: Additional WIOA Changes

- Performance reports for State, local areas and eligible training providers must be publicly available
- In addition to measures, States will be required to report:
  - Average cost-per-participant receiving career and training services
  - Average cost-per-participant who received training services disaggregated by type-of-entity providing the training
  - Number of participants who exited from career and training services
- Performance measures will take effect in July 2016
Section 116 - Performance Accountability System: 

**Work Group Priorities**

- Review new performance measures to identify potential issues, including recording and reporting information
- Make recommendations for system of measuring training provider performance
- Make recommendations about state performance measures (balanced scorecard metrics), including whether they be the primary state measures
- Review proxy WIOA calculations, where and whenever possible
  - Explore effect if performance were measured by the WIOA primary indicators?
Section 116 - Performance and Accountability System: Work Group Considerations

- Given there is a more significant lag to the WIOA primary indicators, should LWD-SETC recommend development of “real time” measures to provide important, early information about future outcomes?
- Explore if and how the new measures could potentially impact the work of other, key Work Groups such as One-Stop Operations
- Examine whether current reporting systems are capable of meeting the needs of WIOA, and if deficiencies are found, develop recommendations (short and long-term solutions)
Section 122 – Eligible Providers of Training Services

WIOA Changes

Performance Reporting
- Largely consistent with state law; however, WIOA:
- Alters the wage and employment outcome measurement timeframe from 6 months after graduation to second and fourth quarter following graduation
- Requires public display of results

Initial Eligibility
- Adds provider approval criteria emphasizing labor and local demand credentials.
- Notes state compliance reporting should not be “unduly burdensome or costly to providers”
- Initial eligibility is good for one year
Section 122 – Eligible Providers of Training Services
WIOA Continued Approval

- All programs must be evaluated and re-approved every two years
- Violations are to be punished:
  - With ineligibility for “a period of time that is not less than 2 years”; and
  - Repayment of public funds
  - Violations are described as: “Intentionally supplying inaccurate information” and “Substantial violations”
- Adds Apprenticeship programs
- Calls for reciprocity agreements between states
Section 122 – Eligible Providers of Training Services: *Work Group Considerations*

- Evaluation period after initial eligibility:
  - What if programs extend longer than prescribed evaluation criteria allow?

- On-the-job training, customized training, apprenticeship:
  - What are the implications of new sections related to training?

- Skill gained criteria:
  - How is this defined?
  - How would it be measured and reported?
Construct for NJ WIOA

Implementation Phases

Phase 1: Developing a WIOA Blueprint
December 2014 – June 2015

Preparing implementation of WIOA provisions taking effect July 1, 2015

Phase 2: Developing WIOA Plan

Preparing for full implementation of WIOA on July 1, 2016
WIOA Timeline

New Jersey Blueprint

- December 2014: Key Theme Work Groups formed
- January 2015: Work Groups begin Strategic Planning Sessions
- January 2015: NJ WIOA Blueprint Website Launch
- Feb 2015: NJ WIOA Work Group Host Webinars
- March/April 2015: NJ WIOA Blueprint Conference
- Spring 2015: US DOL Draft Rules/Regulations released
- April 2015: Work Groups report progress to SETC Committees
- June 2015: WIOA Blueprint presented to full SETC
- July 2015: Most WIOA provisions take effect
Performance Work Group: Deliverables

Identify Key Areas for Action:

- By March 1st, 2015, identify areas that must be acted upon by July 1, 2015

Contribute to WIOA Blueprint Report:

- Frame key areas for action and provide current status
- Present strategies to address key areas requiring policy or programmatic changes
- Outline key areas for discussion if consensus has not been achieved
- Summarize actions taken to arrive at conclusions:
  - Include pros/cons and resources needed; and
  - Provide quantifiable data, where appropriate
WIOA: Stakeholder Input

Webinars and WIOA 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

- State and 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
NJ WIOA Resources

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

NJ WIOA Blueprint Conference:  March 31-April 1

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