

MASSACHUSETTS

Workforce Investment Act

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Policy Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
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cc: WIA State Partners

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Subject: Common Measures On-Line Tutorial

Background: The Department of Labor's Performance Enhancement Project offers three new on-line tutorials providing training on the Common Measures for WIA Adult, Dislocated Worker, Youth and Wagner-Peyser programs through the Social Policy Research Assoc. web site at http://www.spra.com/PEP/online_intro.shtml . The on-line tutorials focus on:

A. WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker Measures

This module includes detailed descriptions of the performance measures including changes to the definitions of the measures for adult and dislocated worker programs that became effective July 1, 2005 as part of the implementation of Common Measures across workforce investment programs. It includes an overview of the changes, a description of the changes to key definitions, and a description of each of the measures. It should be noted that in addition to these measures, states will continue to be accountable for the employment and credential measure for adults and dislocated workers.

B. Youth Measures

This module includes detailed descriptions of the additional reporting requirements for WIA Youth programs that became effective July 1, 2005 as part of the implementation of Common Measures. Since statutory youth measures remain in effect after July 1, 2005, states will continue to be held accountable to the current measures for Younger and Older Youth. In addition, states and local areas will be required to report outcomes on two of the youth common performance measures beginning with PY 2005:

1. Placement in Employment or Education,
2. Attainment of a Degree or Certification.

States are also encouraged to report on the Literacy and Numeracy outcomes, but will not be required to report on this measure until PY 2006.

C. Core Employment Service Measures

This module includes measures for core employment services delivered through the One-Stop Career Center delivery system including those funded by WIA, the Wegner-Peyser Act, and the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) and Local Veterans Employment Representative (LVER) grants. This module provides an introduction to the implementation of Common Measures, including detailed descriptions of the additional reporting requirements that became effective on July 1, 2005 as part of the implementation of Common Measures. These changes will affect the ETA 9002 A, B, C and D reports, as well as the VETS 200 A, B and C reports.

Course modules consist of a series of audio lectures that are streamed to a desktop computer. The audio lectures are about 5 to 15 minutes in length and are accompanied by Power Point slides. Playing the Audio lectures of the on-line courses requires a computer with a soundcard, speakers and an Internet connection. It also requires Flash Player software which is pre-installed on most computers and is also available free as a download on the course website. Non-audio versions of the tutorial are also available.

An easy to use navigation menu directing users to key sections of the course are provided on the left-side portion of the main-page screen. Users can start a session of the training at any time while at home or in the office. If a user is interrupted during a session, the session can be continued at a later time from the point at which the user left off.

Action

Required: Please inform workforce development partners, managers and direct staff providing Wagner-Peyser services and WIA Title I funded services to youth, adults and dislocated workers of the availability of this on-line resource.

Filing: Please file this in your notebook of previously issued WIA Communication Series Issuances as #05-55.