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and One-Stop Career Center
Information

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide information regarding Local Workforce Investment Area Boards and One-Stop Career Centers located throughout the state. These available resources may be of assistance to counties and providers in the effort to integrate job training and retention services into alcohol and drug treatment programs.

DISCUSSION

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2000-01 California State Budget Act (AB 1740 – Chapter 52, Statutes of 2000) contained the following provisional language:

“It is the intent of the Legislature that substance abuse treatment services funded through the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs work with state and local agencies to integrate job training and retention services into their programs to the maximum extent possible.”

A major source of public funding for employment services is through the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA). The primary purpose of the WIA is to provide services and activities that increase employment, employment retention, and earnings of participants.

California's WIA services are provided through the One-Stop delivery system. One-Stop career centers provide a full range of services including employment, training, and education services for job seekers, as well as comprehensive employer services including resources for placing job orders and obtaining referrals, labor market data, information/referral on training resources, and business assistance.

The Governor is responsible for the implementation and operation of the WIA in California. EDD administers Title I – Workforce Investment Systems under the policy guidance of the State Workforce Investment Board (SWIB). The SWIB is the Governor's advisory body for programs administered under the WIA.

WIA services are administered locally by Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIA). LWIAs consist of local government regions, designed by the Governor based on population and commonality of the labor market. Each LWIA is administered in partnership with local elected officials, private sector business, organized labor, community-based organizations, local government agencies, and local education agencies. LWIAs designate One-Stop operators, provide policy guidance, and oversee job-training activities within local areas.

The WIA authorizes adult, dislocated worker, and youth employment and training programs. The following provides a brief description of each program:

Adults (age 18 or older) and Dislocated Workers

The adult and dislocated worker programs are designed to offer core services, intensive services, and training services to individuals who are 18 years of age or older. Core services are available to all adults.

Intensive services (in-depth assessment, counseling and career planning, and pre-vocational services) are available for unemployed individuals unable to obtain jobs through core services, or employed individuals requiring additional training services to reach self-sufficiency. Training services are also available for those who meet intensive services eligibility but were unable to obtain employment through those services.

WIA services are provided through local One-Stop centers. The dislocated worker program assists workers displaced by disasters, mass layoffs, or plant closures to regain economic security. Core services are provided to return individuals to work as quickly as possible.

Youth (age 14 to 21)

The youth program prepares youth for post-secondary educational opportunities or employment. Programs will link academic and occupational learning.

Programs include tutoring, study skills training, and instruction leading to completion of secondary school (including dropout prevention), alternative school services, mentoring by appropriate adults, paid and unpaid work experience (such as internships and job shadowing), occupational skills training, leadership development, and appropriate supportive services. Youth participants also receive guidance and counseling, and follow-up services.

REFERENCES

California Employment Development Department

HISTORY

QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE

For further information, please contact your LWIA or EDD. Additional information regarding WIA and other employment services can be found at EDD's Internet Web Site: <http://www.edd.cahwnet.gov>

EXHIBITS

1. State of California Local Workforce Investment Area Listing
2. List of California One-Stop Sites

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