

## August Newsletter

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This month we are excited to share solutions for the business community and a new opportunity for workforce professionals to help develop resources and services to individuals with disabilities.

### **Employer Engagement**

Providing services to the business community is a key component to the publicly funded workforce system. Businesses seek our assistance in various stages of their business cycle—everything from start-up assistance in hiring new staff, to helping them identify other business that have similar needs that they can work with, and even assistance in layoff aversion tactics or Rapid Response services. WorkforceGPS has several communities that focus on employers including the [Business Engagement Collaborative](#), [Apprenticeship](#), and communities focusing on the H-1B program. These communities share ideas, experiences, and resources as well as promote innovations related to business engagement partnerships, and more. To find out more about these communities click [here](#).

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### **Apply to Join the Disability and Employment eLearning Task Force**

Do you want to help shape innovative learning to support American Job Centers? ETA will be convening a *Disability and Employment eLearning Task Force* to support the professional development needs of the workforce development staff in American Job Centers. ETA is seeking 20-30 volunteers from a mix of Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs, partners, and states to

help drive the development of online training tools. To learn more about this initiative and apply, click [here](#).

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## Featured Content

- [The Business Case for Hiring Nontraditional Jobseekers](#): This H-1B TechHire technical assistance resource explores the many opportunities and benefits TechHire grantees should consider when working with employer partners to hire TechHire graduates many of whom represent the nontraditional jobseeker: individuals with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), Opportunity Youth (ages 17-29), individuals with disabilities, and individuals with a criminal record.
- [Tracking and Reporting of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act \(WIOA\) Youth Expenditures](#): The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) sets certain priorities for youth programs by imposing minimum expenditure requirements on funds spent for out-of-school youth and work experiences. This technical assistance document provides basic tools for States and local areas to use in tracking and reporting the 75% out-of-school youth and 20% work experience expenditure requirements.
- [The Benefits of Universal Design](#): Universal Design is a strategy for making products, environments, operational systems, and services welcoming and usable to the most diverse range of people possible. Its key principles are simplicity, flexibility, and efficiency. When American Job Centers apply Universal Design principles, we are working together towards a world-class service environment to help all Americans get training and find jobs.
- [Heartland Alliance Employer Engagement Toolkit](#): Resources that workforce development stakeholders can use to show employers the business value of partnering with a transitional job (TJ) or subsidized employment program.
- [Aligning State Systems for a Talent-Driven Economy: A Roadmap for States](#): The National Governors Association's (NGA); Aligning

State Systems for a Talent-Driven Economy: A Roadmap for States, is designed to show the process by which states align education, workforce development, and economic development to meet the modern needs of state economies. The road map studies the results of 13 state participants in the NGA's 2014 "Talent Pipeline Policy Academy."

- [Measuring Secondary CTE Program Quality](#): The series explores the pros and cons of each of the three options and examines different ways states are measuring and validating them.

## Upcoming Public Events

- August 19, 2019: [Using the Clearinghouse for Labor Evaluation and Research \(CLEAR\) - A Demonstration](#)
- August 22, 2019: [Military Spouses, A Priority Customer: What Your AJC Can Do](#)

## Recent Public Events

- [Maximizing WIOA and non-WIOA Performance Data](#): July 23, 2019
- [Serving English Language Learners under the Trade Adjustment Assistance \(TAA\) Program](#): July 19, 2019
- [YouthBuild Series: Supporting Second Chance Students with Universal Design for Learning](#): July 16, 2019
- [Procuring and Selecting an Independent Evaluator](#): July 16, 2019
- [WIOA State Plans and Labor Market Information \(LMI\) Best Practices](#): July 11, 2019

**Thank You!**

Sincerely,

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