

February 2019 Newsletter

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The holidays are over and a month into 2019, many states have new governors, new workforce staff and lots of exciting new ideas and initiatives. WorkforceGPS' purpose is to provide an interactive online communication and learning technical assistance (TA) platform to build the capacity of the public workforce investment system to provide services to job seekers and employers.

On WorkforceGPS you will find:

- A committed community of public workforce system stakeholders;
- TA resources, online learning opportunities, and space to connect and collaborate with peers on topics that interest you;
- A tool for all your TA tools as you search, save, share, and navigate to success today!

Whether you are new to your job, or have been around for a while, before you start a new initiative from scratch, chances are someone else has tried something similar. We encourage you to check out the global site and communities to see if there might be some tips or ideas you can "borrow" from one of your peers as you implement and improve your programs and services.

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**Services in Rural Areas**

Every state has rural areas. And providing workforce services to these areas is challenging due to long distances and in many cases, a lack of support services and infrastructure like broadband.

This month, we are highlighting successful practices, programs and services in rural areas. We have created a [resource page](#) that provides you with quick access to these resources. We are also pleased to share with you several new reports and resources that have been posted on the global site and various WorkforceGPS Communities.

We will continue to add links to this page as we hear about more materials that showcase services to customers in rural areas.

## Featured Content

- [Federal Resources from RSA](#): The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) is an agency within the U.S. Department of Education. RSA administers several programs, including the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program. An overview of RSA's background and resources are listed below to provide more insights about one of the six core WIOA program partners.
- [Eligible Training Provider \(ETP\) Quick Reference Guide](#): This reference guide provides a high level overview of some of the key requirements that the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) applies to states with respect to the state list of Eligible Training Providers (ETP list).
- [Stories from the Field: Snapshots of What's Happening Across the TechHire Community](#): In the late part of 2018, the TechHire Technical Assistance (TA) team worked with grantees to develop a series of written briefs that highlight some of the success stories, promising practices, and/or resources and tools being developed across the TechHire Community.

- [College and Career Readiness: Guide for Navigators](#): The College and Career Readiness: A Guide for Navigators resource is extremely helpful for career counselors and career advisors who are working directly with students. This guide is also beneficial for teachers, youth workers, mentors, and other advocates who guide and support youth as they: explore options and plan for potential career choices and opportunities and develop the knowledge, skills, and abilities to succeed in their postsecondary paths.
- [Introduction to Apprenticeship](#): As apprenticeship continues to grow and diversify across the country, more individuals and organizations are getting involved in apprenticeship work. Those getting started may not know where to begin, so this page provides a compilation of "Apprenticeship 101" resources and tools pulled from various pages within the Apprenticeship Community of Practice.

## Upcoming Public Events

- February 06, 2019: [WIOA Joint Data Validation Overview](#)
- February 12, 2019: [Solving Industry Challenges Using Competency Models](#)

## Recent Public Events

- [Assessing Your Progress at the Mid-Point of Your America's Promise Grant - Part One](#): January 24, 2019
- [FY 2019 RESEA Grants: New Program Requirements and Application Instructions](#): January 17, 2019

- [Apprenticeship EEO Regulations: Disability Self-Identification and Affirmative Action Programs](#): January 15, 2019

**Thank You!**

Sincerely,

The WorkforceGPS Team

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