

RAPID REEMPLOYMENT

FOR A JUST & EQUITABLE RECOVERY IN MASSACHUSETTS

The COVID crisis has had devastating effects on many workers in Massachusetts. The current crisis hit a pre-pandemic economy that was already rife with racial and economic inequities. Wage increases had been slow to non-existent for low and moderate income workers, and the care economy was undervalued and underpaid. The workforce development community encourages the Commonwealth to adopt the below strategies for a just and equitable recovery.

1.9 MILLION+

EMPLOYMENT INTERRUPTIONS DUE TO COVID

325,000+

JOBS LOST FROM FEB 2020 - FEB 2021

POPULATIONS DEEPLY IMPACTED

YOUNGER, FEMALE,
BLACK, LATINX,
LOW-WAGE EARNERS

WORKERS IN
FOOD SERVICE,
HOSPITALITY & RETAIL

WORKERS WITH
LIMITED ENGLISH
PROFICIENCY

RESIDENTS WHO LACK
ACCESS TO COMPUTERS
& HIGH-SPEED INTERNET

5 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A JUST & EQUITABLE RECOVERY



Expand Skills Training &
Career Technical Institutes



Expand ESOL for Work



Close the Digital Divide



Fully Fund Existing Workforce Development System
to Support Job Seekers & Employers



Prioritize & Fund Work Supports



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