

### FOLLOW-UP SERVICES FOR ADULTS AND DISLOCATED WORKERS

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Policies and Procedures POLICY #W418 Revision 1

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### 1. Background

Follow-up services are activities provided to WIOA Title I adults and dislocated workers who have been placed in unsubsidized employment. These services are designed to help individuals retain unsubsidized employment, advance within their occupation, and/or provide other post-placement related activities.

### 2. Definitions

• **Recognized Postsecondary Credential:** a credential consisting of an industry-recognized certificate or certification, a certificate of completion of an apprenticeship, a license recognized by the State involved or the Federal Government, or an associate or baccalaureate degree. The DOL-sponsored website CareerOneStop.org provides a search tool for finding recognized postsecondary credentials at:

https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-certifications.aspx.

- Service provider: a provider of workforce development services in Spokane County, such as the local onestop center or other entity designated by the SWC, that is responsible for providing follow-up services to adults and dislocated workers who have obtained unsubsidized employment.
- WorkSource System Tools (WST): A management information system that workforce development organizations in Washington State use to collect data and manage themselves efficiently and effectively.

#### 3. Policy

Providing follow-up services to individuals after placement must meet each of the criteria listed below:

- **a.** Follow-up services can only be provided to WIOA title I adults and dislocated workers who are placed in unsubsidized employment and who do not have future scheduled services.
- **b.** Follow-up services, if requested by adults and dislocated workers and determined by staff to be appropriate for those individuals, must be provided for a period of up to 12 months following the date they are placed in unsubsidized employment (i.e., not more than 12 months).
- c. Follow-up services can include, but are not limited to,
  - i. Counseling individuals about the workplace;
  - ii. Contacting individuals or employers to verify employment;
  - iii. Contacting individuals or employers to help secure better paying jobs, additional career planning, and counseling for the individual;
  - iv. Contacting individuals or training providers to verify attainment of an industry-recognized postsecondary credential;
  - v. Assisting individuals and employers in resolving work-related problems;
  - vi. Connecting individuals to peer support groups;
  - vii. Providing individuals with information about additional educational or employment opportunities; and
  - viii. Providing individuals with referrals to community services.
- **d.** Service providers may develop additional follow-up services for adults and dislocated workers provided they are non-monetary and align with the requirements of this policy.
- **e.** Supportive services may be provided as follow-up services. Supportive services and requirements for providing them are described in SWC Policy W409-R6.
- f. Follow-up services do not trigger the exit date to change nor delay system-exit for performance reporting.

# 4. Action Required

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The WorkSource System is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

Providers of adult and dislocated worker services in Spokane County, such as the local one-stop center or other entities designated by the SWC, must distribute this policy broadly throughout the system to ensure WorkSource System staff are familiar with its content and requirements.

# 5. <u>References</u>

• ESD WIOA Title I Policy 5620, Revision 1

# 6. Supersedes

SWC Policy W418

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