

## WIA to WIOA – Timeline of Events for Transition

### 2014

- **July 22, 2014**
  - Email sent to all directors apprising new law was passed and stated will send ongoing updates and link to *Ready to Work: Job-Driven Training and American Opportunity* which was the framework for the new law
- **July 23, 2014**
  - Email sent to all directors with links to the new law
- **July 31, 2014**
  - Email sent to all directors announcing upcoming Shop Talk on August 5
  - Attached information on regional approach and shared the Job Driven focus of the new law
- **August 5, 2014**
  - Shop Talk for field apprising of the new law – opening statement below
    - *The state will use leadership dollars to position all current ABE providers to be viable applicants in 2016; focus pathways/ partnerships. There will be no grandfathering; all programs will need to compete. To be consistent with the new law, we need to think differently; ABE is being transformed.*
- **August 7-October 29, 2014**
  - Bi-weekly emails were sent to all directors and posted for teachers regarding the new law with videos and the ability to blog with the Department of Education
  - Below is text from the initial email announcing the links and blog site:
    - *Per our conference call on Tuesday, I will be sending information on the new law to you in chunks as I receive it. Norene will also post the information on LINCS following my message to you. OCTAE hosted a call for state directors today, and below are the three significant pieces of information for you. The video is a great introduction to the new law; very good for sharing at meetings. You can post comments on the blog (keeping in mind it is public). Lastly, there are the links for more information. We were reminded that interpretation and regulation lies ahead, and we should avoid assumptions.*
- **August 13, 2014**
  - Email sent to all directors with link to WIOA vision Program Memorandum OCTAE 15-3 from DOL, Voc Rehab, OCTAE
- **September 22-23, 2014**
  - Fall Conference for directors and staff; one half-day spent on WIOA in depth with Power Point on significant changes
- **October-November 2014**
  - 4 Regional Trainings for directors and lead teachers
    - Directly tied upcoming career pathway initiative with WIOA requirements
    - Hands-on activities and homework was assigned to help programs implement career pathways
- **November 4, 2014**
  - Shop Talk – Brief WIOA Update
- **November 17, 2014**
  - Regional Pathways Conference Call;

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- **December 16, 2014**
  - Shop Talk – Brief WIOA Update

### 2015

- **January 20, 2015**
  - Shop Talk included WIOA updates on regulations, transition dates, and unified planning
- **January 20, 2015**
  - Email sent to all directors after the Shop Talk with link to comment on new educational functioning level descriptors for WIOA
- **February 2015**
  - 4 Regional Trainings
    - Focus on career pathways and strengthening the one-stop partnership required in WIOA
- **February 19, 2015**
  - Email sent to all directors apprising them that a WIOA discussion group was set up for state directors and teachers to join a private group on their progress of implementing program delivery changes to meet the requirements of the new law
- **February 19, 2015**
  - Email sent to all directors with link to guidance on Vision for Workforce System and Implementation of WIOA
- **February 22, 2015**
  - Email sent to all state directors for comment period forwarded to directors on WIOA Combined Plan Requirements
- **March 10, 2015**
  - Email sent to all directors on WIOA Operating Guidance 25-14
- **March 16, 2015**
  - Shop Talk – WIOA Transition Plan submittal and data reporting for WIOA were main topics
- **April 6, 2015**
  - Email sent to all directors with proposed regulations for Title I and II and apprised directors that comments were being accepted
- **April 21, 2015**
  - Shop Talk main topics included WIOA partnership building, rebranding and instructional planning
- **April 27-28, 2015**
  - WIOA/Pathway Meeting for directors and lead teachers
    - Focus of the meeting was on big changes under WIOA
    - Handouts included WIOA Program Readiness Self-Assessment, Program Readiness Tool, and WIOA Questions and Challenges
    - Programs were given WIOA Timeline PowerPoint including dates for comment period
    - Homework materials included instructional materials review and recruitment materials template

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- **May 2, 2015**
  - Email sent to all directors with save the date meeting information for upcoming WIOA Core Partner Summer Meeting
- **May 6, 2015**
  - Email sent to all directors with Integrated Education and Training Requirements for WIOA
- **May 27, 2015**
  - Shop Talk – Encouraged all directors to send WIOA comments to me for a collaborative posting and provided Core Partner updates
- **May 28, 2015**
  - Email sent to all directors with summer meeting information with emphasis on performance and partnering under the new law
- **June 4, 2015**
  - Email sent to all directors requesting WIOA comments for Title II to be sent directly to state director to forward to the state directors professional organization for feedback to the Feds sent as one collective group
- **June 24, 2015**
  - Email sent to all directors with WIOA Core Partner Meeting updates
- **July 2, 2015**
  - Email sent to all directors to read the Joint WIOA Blog for all Core Partners and encouraging them to participate
- **August 6, 2015**
  - Email sent to all directors with final agenda for WIOA Core Partner Summer Meeting
- **August 18-19, 2015**
  - Core Partner Summer Meeting
    - Focused on regional approach to WIOA implementation; all program directors brought staff to work with partners on the following: leadership and change, WIOA Performance Reporting, connecting clients and partners, career pathways, sector strategies
- **September 29-30, 2015**
  - Fall Conference: WIOA Transition was a major topic
- **October 2015**
  - Email sent to all directors to gather information on how they served youth, employers, and students with barriers to incorporated into the WIOA State Plan
- **October 8, 2015**
  - Email sent to all directors thanking them for responses to request for information
- **October 20, 2015**
  - Shop Talk – WIOA update
    - Purposed WIOA statewide joint performance report was distributed
    - Comment date for WIOA State Plan was discussed
- **November 17, 2015**
  - Shop Talk – WIOA updates covered proposed regions, performance templates, and due dates for RFP

**2016**

- **January 13, 2016**
  - Shop Talk agenda covered WIOA updates and RFP target dates and info updates; Program Memorandum OCTAE/DAEL 15-7 with WIOA FAQ
- **January 20, 2016**
  - Email sent to all directors with link to SWIB website for posting public comments on the MT WIOA Combined State Plan
- **February 3, 2016**
  - WIOA Webinar for existing providers with comprehensive information regarding what a WIOA provider must be able to provide to clients and information on the Combined State Plan that was posted in January
- **March 9, 2016**
  - Shop Talk agenda covered upcoming WIOA topics to be presented at April meeting
- **March 17, 2016**
  - Email sent to all directors with invitation to Disability Conference for WIOA accountability
- **March 22, 2016**
  - Transition Application sent to all existing providers
- **April 2016**
  - State Plan submitted by Core Partners to the Feds (30 day public comment period)
- **April 6-7, 2016**
  - Spring Directors Meeting with half day agenda on WIOA including an activity where participants had to work in groups to discuss how to deliver services in a new and different way to accommodate fluctuating regional needs
- **April 25, 2016**
  - WIOA Webinar for all program directors;
- **April 29, 2016**
  - Email sent to all directors with WIOA Transition Extension Application
- **May 10, 2016**
  - Webinar for all directors on how to complete the transition application (went through every page of the application with the participants);
- **May 12, 2016**
  - Email sent to all directors with link to post comments for WIOA Performance Reporting Information
- **June 2016**
  - State Plan returned for revisions; geographical designations must be defined
- **June 7, 2016**
  - Email sent to all directors with the link to the WIOA Transition Extension Application for 2016-2017
- **June 13, 2016**
  - Email sent to all directors with update on pre-post testing for WIOA partners

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- **June 30, 2016**
  - Email sent to all directors with link to WIOA Final Regulations
- **July 5, 2016**
  - Email sent to all directors with WIOA Joint Report Template
- **July 6, 2016**
  - Email sent to all directors with the new educational functioning level descriptors for WIOA classroom instruction (direct comparison to new level knowledge required for student instruction under WIOA)
- **July 18, 2016**
  - Email sent to 5 program directors who had not registered for the Core Partner Meeting in August;
- **July 26, 2016**
  - Email sent to all directors apprising them that the pre-conference meeting in August will focus on new reporting tables for WIOA and other substantive changes
  - Email sent to all directors with link to “Five Things Directors Need to Know About WIOA Disability
- **August 2016**
  - State Plan resubmitted by Core Partners to the Feds with MACO Districts included and defined (30 day public comment period)
- **August 10, 2016**
  - Email sent to all directors reminding them of WIOA Core Partner Meeting and apprising them that the work will be with MACO District Core Partners
- **August 23, 2016**
  - Pre-Conference Meeting for Adult Education directors and teachers
    - Agenda covered State Plan revisions including that the distribution of funds to MACO with the new RFP date announced as April 2017
- **August 23-25, 2016**
  - WIOA Core Partner Meeting for MACO District Strategic Planning
- **September 13, 2016**
  - Email sent to all directors with link to employability skills curriculum that could be a support of teachers implementing WIOA considerations
- **October 5-6, 2016**
  - Western Regional Meeting
    - Focus on Reporting Tables for WIOA and detailed Power Point components that will be in the RFP and all components discussed were cross-walked with appropriate sections of the law
- **October 12-13, 2016**
  - Eastern Regional Meeting
    - Focus on Reporting Tables for WIOA and detailed Power Point components that will be in the RFP and all components discussed were cross-walked with appropriate sections of the law

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- **October 10, 2016**
  - Email sent to all directors with updates on WIOA performance measures
  - Email sent to all directors with link to Integrated Education Data for WIOA
- **October 18, 2016**
  - Email sent to all directors with Power Points to assist in preparing for grant completion for WIOA
    - Four Power Points included: Corrections and WIOA, Unpacking the Regulations I, Unpacking the Regulations Subpart G, How Does a State Make an Award to Eligible Providers
- **October 19, 2016**
  - Email sent to all directors with link to credential information for WIOA
  - Email sent to all directors with link to Program Memorandum 17-1 on eligible agency completion and awards
- **October 20, 2016**
  - Email sent to all directors with link to the posted State Plan apprising them that revisions had been approved and that there were significant changes
  - Email sent to all directors with Measurable Skill Gain Targets for WIOA
- **December 13, 2016**
  - Shop Talk agenda included State Plan and RFP alignment with a reminder that MACO District meetings should continue to be sent to DOL;
- **December 19, 2016**
  - Email sent to all directors with link to published approved State Plan
- **December 20, 2016**
  - Email sent to all directors with link to Performance Accountability Guidance for WIOA Core Programs Program Memorandum OCTAE 17-2
  - Email sent to all directors with link to WIOA Employment and Training planning TEN 21-16
  - Email sent to all directors with link to Q & A for Regional and Local Planning

## 2017

- **January, 2017**
  - Connecting Core Partner Monthly Newsletter was launched with each MACO District contributing articles on MACO activities in their District; also includes Core Partner updates
- **January 4, 2017**
  - Email sent to all directors with link to FAQ on upcoming infrastructure costs
- **January 5, 2017**
  - Email sent to all directors asking for any WIOA grant completion questions to be submitted to state director by January 9<sup>th</sup>, as the questions would be the topics for the January 10<sup>th</sup> Shop Talk
- **January 10, 2017**
  - Shop Talk cancelled as no WIOA questions were submitted as requested

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- **February, 2017**
  - Second edition of Core Partner Newsletter was sent to all MACO partners; ABE RFP date was in Adult Education section of this newsletter
- **February 15, 2017**
  - Shop Talk – major topic was announcing the release of RFP in March;
- **March 7, 2017**
  - Legal notice for RFP released
- **March 14, 2017**
  - RFP released
- **March 14-April 10, 2017**
  - Questions regarding the Adult Education RFP process were submitted to state director and posted publically with answers on the OPI website for all interested applicants