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OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP UPDATES

Register Events for National Apprenticeship Week, November 11-17, 2019

National Apprenticeship Week (NAW), now in its fifth year, is a nationwide celebration that gives you and your partners the opportunity to showcase apprentices and apprenticeship programs. At the NAW website, you can find tools that can help you host an event; you can also register events and proclamations so everyone can see all that is happening around the country.
Use the hashtag #NAW2019 on social media to spread the word and have a chance to be featured on DOL's social media channels. Help us make this the biggest celebration yet!

**Good Morning America Spotlights Apprenticeship!**

Apprenticeship got major exposure last Friday, October 25, when Good Morning America aired a segment highlighting the benefits of apprenticeship. Calling apprenticeship a “great way to gain skills without having to take on debt from additional schooling or take a break from work,” this segment spoke directly to job seekers looking for a path to success. Take a look and see if it might fit into your outreach and recruitment efforts.

**New Online ASE Community Now Available**

ASE and SAE grantees - bookmark the new ASE community! Not only is it your source for all things specific to ASE grantees, but the ASE community will also serve as the clearinghouse for new resources related to apprenticeship expansion moving forward. (All the great content on the Apprenticeship community developed for SAE grantees will remain available.) The ASE community contains resources and information related to the five key elements of apprenticeship expansion, as well as a new grants management resources page. Check it out!

**New Release for SAE Grantees: On-the-Job Learning Frequently Asked Questions**

SAE grantees who reimburse employer sponsors for on-the-job learning (OJL) should review these frequently asked questions (FAQs), which were sent by email this month. The FAQs and sample forms provide clarity around use of federal apprenticeship grant funds for OJL reimbursements.

**GRANTS MANAGEMENT CORNER**

**Take Advantage of ETA's Live Grants Management Training!**

ETA is in the middle of our new Live SMART 3.0 Training series (strategies for administering grants around monitoring, accountability, risk mitigation, and transparency), with sessions offered every Tuesday and Thursday at 2 p.m. ET through November 19. Next up is training on financial reporting and program income on Tuesday, October 29. Check out the Workforce GPS events page to learn more and register for this and all other sessions.

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES**

**Registered Apprenticeship 101 Bootcamp**

Grant staff and partners who are new to apprenticeship should plan to join us for a series of five interactive discussions on the fundamentals of the Registered Apprenticeship system. Sessions will run October 30 through November 7, 2019.

- **Wednesday, October 30 at 3 p.m. ET:** An Overview of Apprenticeship Structure and Resources (Q&A) (Please note that grantees should prepare for this Q&A session by viewing five brief pre-recorded...
webcasts located on the registration page.

- Thursday, October 31 at 4 p.m. ET: Registered Apprenticeship and the Public Workforce System
- Friday, November 1 at 3 p.m. ET: Registering Apprenticeship Programs in Office of Apprenticeship States
- Tuesday, November 5 at 4 p.m. ET: Introduction to Business Engagement
- Thursday, November 7 at 4 p.m. ET: Office Hours

You must register for each session individually. Use the links above to register for some or all of these sessions today!

Grantee Self-Assessment Tool

The October 17 technical assistance webinar introduced a new self-assessment tool to help you identify strengths and opportunities for growth in your apprenticeship expansion strategies. The results of the self-assessment will help connect you to targeted resources to support your expansion goals. We encourage you to complete the self-assessment this fall. Please reach out to your coach with any questions!

REPORTING ROUNDDUP

Next Reporting Date: November 14, 2019

SAE Reporting Updates

Please remember to submit success stories with your Quarterly Report next month. These stories illuminate the data so we can better understand the impact of grant investments and facilitate peer learning. Keep 'em coming!

ASE Reporting Updates

New ASE Grants Interim Reporting Guidance was recently released, which includes a new, fillable PDF reporting template. You can find this and more reporting help on a new Grants Reporting Resources page on the ASE community.

APPRENTICESHIP TOOLS AND INFORMATION

State-by-State Comparison of State Apprenticeship Policies

Is your state reviewing its apprenticeship policies or strategic partnerships between apprenticeships and post-secondary education? The Education Commission of the States recently published a 50-state comparison chart that may help. You can find apprenticeship information-including hyperlinks where possible-for all 50 states, including information on the State Apprenticeship Agency, state apprenticeship laws and regulations, and policies connecting apprenticeship instruction with post-secondary education.

Snapshot of State Work-Based Learning Policies and Strategies
The Council of State Governments (CSG) Workforce of Tomorrow Subcommittee is examining how states are re-evaluating the links between education and careers and using apprenticeships and other work-based learning strategies to meet future skill needs. CSG released an initial report which includes a snapshot of work-based learning policies in the states. You can find the Workforce of Tomorrow Subcommittee report on pages 48-53 of CSG's most recent e-magazine (and the full CSG Future of Work Task Force report on pages 42-69). Work will continue over the next two years.

**Quick Links to Key Apprenticeship Expansion Websites**

- ASE Grantee Orientation Package
- The ASE-SAE Apprenticeship Expansion Self-Assessment Tool
- SAE Apprenticeship Community
- ASE Community
- Apprenticeship.gov
- ETA's Manage Your Grant Award

"We're most anxious to roll up our sleeves and get to work... It will take all of us working together to accomplish our goals."

~ Barbara Bush, former first lady