



The Department of Developmental Services, in partnership with the Institute for Community Inclusion / UMass Boston presents:

TRAINING FOR MASSACHUSETTS EMPLOYMENT SERVICE PROVIDERS

Spring Training Series on Technology!

All sessions are offered free of charge.



Putting Technology to Work in Employment

Pre-pandemic Massachusetts was working to adopt a technology forward approach. The COVID-19 pandemic has further illustrated the role technology can play in services and supports for people served by the Department of Developmental Services.

The Institute for Community Inclusion, in partnership with the Department of Developmental Services, will be hosting a three-part series on the use of technology in employment services.

We are very excited to have [Shaun Wood](#) and [Emily Harris](#) of [WISE](#) providing this training. WISE is nationally known for its work in employment, including a focus on technology.

This series will be divided into three modules. You may sign up for one, two, or all three modules. We strongly encourage you to take module one, as skills you learn in this module will be of benefit in subsequent modules.

Each module will be comprised of four sessions. **Be sure to check the dates as participants are expected to attend all four sessions.** Each module will include two webinars, two community of practice sessions, and optional office hours that allow you the opportunity to check in directly with the instructors. Each webinar will include an activity to be completed and shared during a community of practice session.

Who should attend? If you provide employment services, this training is for you. Consider attending as a team from your agency so you can work together as you integrate technology into your services.

Module 1: Video Technology and Storytelling for Employment Outcomes

March 17, 24, 31 and April 7 | 1-3 PM

Registration is now open!

Looking for creative ways to spruce up your job development process? Want to think about new ways to highlight the employment stories you are part of? Adjusting to the work world in a physically distance existence? One innovative and fun approach to consider is videos, videos, videos!

Module 2: Remote, Virtual, & Hybrid Services

April 28, May 5, 12 and 19 | 1-3 PM

Registration will open early April

This 4-week community of practice module will help you organize and deliver great employment services that will keep you and the individuals you support safe and connected to the community.

Module 3: Self-Management: Tools and Strategies to Build and Inspire Independence

June 2, 9, 16 and 23 | 1-3 PM

Registration will open in early May

When employment services incorporate self-management strategies into their supports, job seekers get access to more hours, higher paying jobs, and they tend to learn skills that are transferable to other situations. This 4-week module on self-management strategies focuses on tools that a person can use independently, sometime interdependently, to keep themselves on track. In this module, we will focus on a range of self-management solutions so that you can access tools that will work for anyone and everyone you support.

Join us to learn how you can provide great employment supports integrating technology into your practice. No technology experience is required to participate!

For more details go to [EmploymentFirstMA.org](https://www.employmentfirstma.org)!

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