

DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAM

SERVICES FOR WORKERS

Finding a new job can be stressful and overwhelming. Many workers who lose a job through no fault of their own need some help returning to work. The Minnesota Dislocated Worker Program offers free services to help individuals find suitable reemployment—and help take the stress and uncertainty out of the process. Services are tailored to address **an individual's specific needs**. You may be eligible for this program if you are out of work through no fault of your own, eligible for Unemployment Insurance, and unlikely to return to your previous occupation or industry.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

The Dislocated Worker Program provides a variety of services to help individuals gain employment. **Working one-on-one with a counselor**, each individual develops a plan for employment which may include the following:

CAREER PLANNING AND COUNSELING:

- **Advice** and **assistance** with career decision-making, developing job goals and personal planning to find a suitable job
- **Assessment tools** to learn more about skills, abilities and interests to assist in discovering or confirming a career path in today's job market

JOB SEARCH AND PLACEMENT SERVICES:

Workshops are available that teach the methods of finding employment, including:

- Preparing resumes and correspondence, interviewing skills, and successful networking.

- **Job lead development** and how to uncover positions not advertised.
- **Job clubs/networking meetings**—regular meetings with other job seekers to develop and practice networking skills, hear presentations from employers and other resources, find leads to job openings, and discuss job search issues.

COUNSELOR-APPROVED TRAINING:

- **Short-term training** to brush up skills or long-term training to acquire skills in a new field.
- **Workplace effectiveness skills** or acquire a GED.

SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Limited funds are available for expenses such as family care and transportation, if needed by an individual to achieve employment or training goals.

WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

You can apply for the Dislocated Worker Program as soon as you have notice of permanent layoff or termination. The program is offered through the Minnesota WorkForce Centers and a network of service providers throughout the state who will determine whether you are eligible. You can locate a list of providers on the Internet at: www.positivelyminnesota.com/dw

Anyone can apply for basic job search services and other resources by simply visiting your local WorkForce Center. Locations and business hours are available at: www.mnwfc.org/

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