

DESE Report for the
Extended Employment Sheltered Workshop Program
July 21-22, 2016

Budget:

The FY-17 appropriated program budget is \$26,041,961 less \$758,504 (3%) Governor’s Withhold and less \$758,504 Governor’s Expenditure Restrictions leaving \$24,524,953 available. As of the July 7, 2016 payment for June 2016 data, the monthly expenditure is \$1,856,098. The current remaining balance of the program year is \$22,688,855; based on the current level of expenditure, it is projected that the program may be fully funded—weather and other conditions affecting future attendance have not been calculated in this projection.

DESE-EESW:

FY-17 year-to-date and current month (July 2016) program data is as follows:

	#Emp.	FTE	Hrs Wkd	Wages Pd	Av Wage	Wait TBH
YTD	6,542	4,440	678,305	\$2,341,775	\$3.45	1,810
Cur. Per.	6,542	4,440	678,305	\$2,341,775	\$3.45	1,810

The DESE-EESW office will be sending all workshop Managers a document for WIOA guidance prior to the MASWM meeting scheduled to be held on July 21-22 in Columbia, Missouri. All managers and/or designees are encouraged to attend the meeting where both DESE and VR will be available to address the new workshop procedures needed to meet the WIOA intent and requirements. The procedures covered will include those related to VR, DESE, the School Transition program, and Workshops.

DOL-WH/OSHA:

There appears to be a “lull” of DOL Section 14, c investigations. We believe this is due to DOL investigator teams receiving training and guidance from Washington DC as to their enforcement requirements and procedures for the July 22, 2016 implementation of WIOA. A discussion as to what the DOL investigation requirements may be will be addressed as a Q&A at the conference.

OSHA investigations have somewhat subsided but are still focused primarily on recycling operations. Safety should remain to be one of your top areas of focus in operating your respective facilities. OSHA compliance is required as well as expected. There is several new OSHA regulations that will take effect in August of 2016 relating to reporting requirements as well as new areas of “focus”; stay tuned on these changes by attending the upcoming safety training or go to the OSHA website.

Training:

- SWIM and DESE are planning a cooperative series of regional Safety Training seminars through summer/fall of 2016.
- DESE will provide training once the WIOA Section 511 policies and procedure are determined (October 2016).
- Consider inviting DOL to provide training on their portion of WIOA compliance procedures (October 2016).

Other:

This will be my last “official” meeting with the Managers’ Association. I would like to express my deepest appreciation to all managers, past and present, for all that you have done and will continue to do in order to provide dignified and meaningful employment for persons with the most significant disabilities in safe and productive work environments. Although you are faced with many challenges, you can overcome them by working together and staying true to the principles of the program: it’s all about the people, it’s about employment, it’s about business, and it’s about human dignity and value. It has been an honor and privilege to have known you and worked with you. Thank You!!!