



Connecting with Opportunities Initiative For Mainers Impacted by the Opioid Crisis

The Maine Department of Labor (MDOL) is committed to helping all Mainers who are looking for work find meaningful employment and to helping employers find the skilled workers they need.

This grant creates a focus on assisting individuals who have been impacted, directly or indirectly, by the opioid crisis.

It is intended to serve:

- Dislocated Workers: individuals laid off from their jobs
- Long-term unemployed: people who have been unemployed for 27 weeks or longer (*consecutively or non-consecutively*) within the twelve-month period prior to enrollment

GOALS:

- Create opportunities for individuals in recovery from substance use disorder to receive the support, training, and guidance they need to access and maintain sustainable employment.

Available services include:

- career services such as career counseling and job search assistance
- training/education or work-based training opportunities such as on the job training or work experience
- supportive services, such as transportation, childcare, clothing, dental care, and technology
- Provide opportunities for individuals, not necessarily impacted by the crisis, to enter fields that support opioid recovery such as addiction treatment, mental health, and pain management-related fields.
- PEER CONNECTORS: Are individuals with “lived experience” of substance use disorder/recovery who provide concrete support and encouragement to individuals enrolled in the grant.

Services for this grant are provided by: Aroostook County Action Program, Eastern Maine Development Corporation, and Workforce Solutions through Goodwill Industries of Northern New England.

The Maine Department of Labor is an equal opportunity provider. Auxiliary aids and services are available to individuals with disabilities upon request.

This grant is administered by Maine's three Workforce Development Boards: Central Western Maine, Northeastern and Coastal Counties Workforce, Inc.

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