
RECOVERY-TO-WORK TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OVERVIEW

DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF APPALACHIA

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BACKGROUND

- Appalachian Regional Commission Introduces RTW Concept
 - Substance Abuse Advisory Council
 - NORC Overdose Mapping Tool
 - INSPIRE Initiative
- DDAA Recovery-to-Work Cohort Learning Academy
 - Developed idea of RTW ecosystem
 - Built knowledge of regional needs
 - Identified examples of great projects

INTRODUCTIONS

- DDAA Staff
- Attendees
 - Name
 - Title
 - Organization
 - What are you working on that you're excited about?

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OFFERING

- Objective:
 - Coordinating your region to find work for people in recovery through Builder's Guide
- Takeaway:
 - Build partnerships, develop a pathway, engage employers... develop quality projects!
- Monthly facilitation
- Recovery-to-Work Ecosystem Builder's Guide
- Data Report
- Community of Practice

TIMELINE

April to December 2023:

- March 1, 11:00 AM ET Informational Webinar
- March 1, 12:00 PM ET: Application Portal Opens
- March 2: INSPIRE Grant Writing Training ([Register Here](#))
- **March 22: Technical Assistance Application Deadline**
- April 7: Selection Notification
- April 20: Cohort Kickoff Meeting (Kickoff and Networking Session)
- May – December: Regular Cohort Meetings and Individual Regional Sessions with Facilitator
- December: Cohort Closing Meeting

RECOVERY-TO-WORK ECOSYSTEM BUILDER'S GUIDE

Guide to coordinating your region in helping find work for people in recovery

- Phase 1: Defining Community Recovery and Finding the Right Partners
- Phase 2: Getting Organized as Recovery Champions – Solidifying Partnerships
- Phase 3: Understanding Employer Interest and Needs to Mobilize Engagement
- Phase 4: Formalizing Recovery to Work Pathways
- Phase 5: Identifying Pathways to Sustainability

DATA REPORT

- Using data to support inform RTW activities and grant proposals
- Collaborative working sessions to:
 - Identify target industries and employers
 - Understand the skills and opportunities of the regional recovery population
- Final product will be determined by input from working sessions

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

- Webinars
- Slack Channel
- Regional Meetings

ABOUT YOU

- What resonates with you?
- What would move your region forward?
- What is the biggest opportunity in your region to:
 - Coordinate stakeholders,
 - Engage employers, or
 - Improve data collection and use

HOW TO APPLY

- Go to the DDAA website: <https://www.appalachiandevelopment.org/technical-assistance-opportunity-recovery-to-work-project-development/>
- Fill out the application at the bottom of the page
- Up to twelve applicants selected
- Deadline: March 22, 2023 (rolling responses)
- Kickoff: April 20th

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Name
- 2. Title
- 3. Organization
- 4. City
- 5. State
- 6. Email
- 7. Describe your community's efforts building a recovery-to-work ecosystem that supports the employment of workers with substance use disorder (500 words max)
- 8. Explain your challenges in building your ecosystem and what types of knowledge and assistance you need (500 words max)
- 9. Describe your current funding and funding sources you are considering pursuing – including ARC's INSPIRE Initiative (500 words max)
- 10. What data about workers or employers do you need to help guide your work? How do you currently use this type of data, what data do you use, and what challenges do you face? (500 words max)
- 11. I am eligible to receive this assistance as per the guidelines
- 12. Other questions/comments

QUESTIONS?

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