



July 2016: An Update on WIOA Implementation Efforts

UPDATES

This issue of *Illinois Works Together* provides updates and next steps on three significant events that have occurred since the May Edition. First, the Final Implementing Rules for WIOA were released on June 30, 2016 by the U.S. Departments of Labor and Education (USDOL/USDOE). Also, on June 30, 2016, WIOA core partners submitted to the state for review their regional plans that incorporate the local plan strategies for how the implementation will occur at the regional and local levels.

- **WIOA Final Rules** bring significant changes to WIOA. Currently each required partner is reviewing the rules for implications to their respective programs, as well as for the broader workforce development system in Illinois. Through the Interagency Workgroup and USDOL/USDOE, resources will be available to support local implementation. This includes webinars and a forthcoming dedicated page on the WIOA implementation portal with links to additional sources of information.
- **Regional plans, local plans and MOUs** are currently under review in a process that will span through September. In the meantime, regions and local areas will be able to view the status of each plan and MOU throughout the review process by accessing a “dashboard” on the WIOA implementation portal. Although plans are under review, regions and local areas should be operating according to their newly developed plans and MOUs. At the completion of the review process, formal feedback from State partners will be provided to each region and local area. All regional and local plans will be available to the public through the WIOA implementation portal upon their approval.
- The **Unified State Plan** for Illinois covering the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2020, received approval by USDOL/USDOE subject to a plan modification due by September 1st. Currently, the four core partners are addressing the issues identified in the Federal review and making the appropriate changes. This modification will be available for public comment in August.

WIOA Final Rules Resources

The Departments of Labor and Education have posted several resources with the release of the final rules.

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Please stay tuned as the State of Illinois will resume WIOA Wednesday's this summer, specifically addressing final rules and their program-specific implications.

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