
NTAR Leadership Center

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AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT RESPONSES

The economic stimulus bill recently signed into law by President Obama, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), directs significant resources to health, human service, disability, and workforce development programs. At the same time, there are important issues around the implementation of ARRA that federal and state agencies are beginning to address. We are interested in learning about activities in your state to prepare for ARRA funding, and how we can help members of the State Peer Leaders Network to explore opportunities to leverage ARRA resources for workforce development activities.

Connecticut

Has your agency or organization undertaken any planning activities to prepare for the additional funds that will be available to states through ARRA provisions?

Yes

If yes, please provide a brief description.

Working with the state to ensure coordination of activities. Still awaiting regulations to guide service plans.

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Yes

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Too early to tell where funds will be prioritized until regulations received (such as eligibility - will there be waivers for people with disabilities, etc.).

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- Labor/workforce development
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/human services

Your agency or organization and state:

The WorkPlace, Inc. Bridgeport, CT

Please provide contact information for further information on the responses above.

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District of Columbia

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Yes

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Meetings between VR and the public schools --special education transition -- and the Department of Employment Services -- one-stops and disability program navigators -- to plan joint projects. We also contacted the city's office on economic development to see if there were job creation and training projects in which VR can collaborate and contribute stimulus funds so that people with disabilities could be included.

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Adult education; IDEA part B support that could benefit transitioning youth; Youth Build; creating opportunities in high growth skilled employment; possible opportunities in green collar industries, etc. We're still researching to see what resources might become available through ARRA.

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- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Health/Medicaid
- Other (please describe)

Other: provisions that would support job training/re-training/adult education.

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Rebecca Salon, Rebecca.Salon@dc.gov, 240-205-0289.

New Jersey

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Yes

If yes, please provide a brief description.

In regards to funding for training unemployed customers in the local areas, planning is being done on a local and statewide basis; also working with green jobs and additional funding that may occur for that. Also, looking to leverage funds given to other departments to work on common goals.

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Still in the planning stage but hope to have more training dollars available to customers.

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- Other (please describe)

Other: green jobs

Your agency or organization and state:

NJ State Employment & Training Commission

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Ohio

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Planning for increased spending through increased WIA enrollment.

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Scioto County One Stop, Ohio

Virginia

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We would not be eligible but would like to partner with agencies that are to be sure business is represented.

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- Other (please describe)

Other: Working with employers to be sure programs meet our employment needs

Your agency or organization and state:

TecAccess (for-profit business)

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