Dislocated Worker and Federal Adult Programs (DWFAP)

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TO: All Dislocated Worker and Federal Adult Programs (DWFAP) Grantees
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SUBJECT: DWFAP 2026 Policy Updates Plan

1. Purpose

This TAB announces DWFAP's Policy Updates Plan of all planned policy updates after April 1, 2026.

2. Action Requested

Stakeholders are encouraged to review this TAB to become familiar with the topics and timeline of DWFAP's Policy Updates Plan. Stakeholders are also encouraged to provide timely preemptive feedback on specific policies or on general policy topics listed in the 2026 Policy Updates Plan for possible inclusion into draft policies.

3. Relevant Laws, Policies and References

TAB 26-02: DWFAP 2026 Policy and Advisories Posting Schedule (January 9, 2026)

4. Updates to Advisories

None

5. Summary and Background

DWFAP is publishing its 2026 Policy Updates Plan for all planned policy updates after April 1, 2026 to sync stakeholder calendars and to encourage greater stakeholder engagement with DWFAP policy. Only policies are included in DWFAP's 2026 Policy Updates Plan. DWFAP advisories are not included.

Programs that may be included DWFAP's 2026 Policy Updates Plan:

- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult Program,
- WIOA Dislocated Worker (DW) Program,
- State DW Program,
- Retaining Employment and Talent after Injury/Illness Network (RETAIN) Program,
- Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP),
- Special or pilot DWFAP-administered programs, and,
- Other DEED Employment and Training Programs (ETP) Division programs that have shared policies with DWFAP.

DWFAP plans to follow its 2026 Policy and Advisories Posting Schedule listed in TAB 26-02 when posting draft policies or publishing final policies. However, DWFAP may also post urgently needed policies at any time as needed (especially in response to State and Federal regulatory changes).

6. 2026 Policy Updates Plan

See Table One below for DWFAP's 2026 Policy Updates Plan for all planned policy updates after April 1, 2026. For your convenience it is organized by quarter and lists each quarter's Posting Dates per TAB 26-02. It includes the specific policies that DWFAP plans to be updated or general policy topics that DWFAP plans to address by new policy or policy updates. Note that the list in Table One is subject to change.

Table One: DWFAP's 2026 Policy Updates Plan

Quarter	Specific Policies to Be Updated or General Policy Topics to be Addressed	Posting Dates
Second Quarter (April 1 – June 30)	• Incentives and Stipends for the WIOA Adult, WIOA DW and State DW Programs Policy (New) • Co-Enrollment Policy (New) • State DW Priority of Service Policy (New, split from current State DW Eligibility Policy) • Federal Funds Prohibition on Activities Related to Medical and Recreational Marijuana Policy (New) • Transferability of Funds between WIOA Adult and WIOA DW Policy Updates • Financial Assistance for Computer Hardware and Similar Technology Policy Updates • WIOA Adult and DW Data Entry Timeliness Policy Updates • Credentialed Training Consent for Release and Exchange of Information Policy Updates • Definition of Economic Self-Sufficiency and Income Exclusions Policy Updates • Wages, Fringe Benefits, and Work Conditions Policy Updates (SCSEP)	Friday, April 10 Friday, April 24 Friday, May 8 Friday, May 22 Friday, June 12 Friday, June 26
Third Quarter (July 1 – September 30)	• On-the-Job Experience Policy (SCSEP) • Individual Employment Plan Policy Updates • WIOA DW and State DW Assessment Requirements Policy Updates • Case Management Policy Updates • Funding Accountability, Performance and Reporting (Topic) • ETP Record Retention Policy (New) • Small Layoff Independent Grantees Request For Proposal/DW Program Provider Certification/Decertification Policy Updates • WIOA Adult and DW Grant Submission Schedule and Review Process Policy Updates • Early Readjustment Assistance Grants Policy Updates • National DW Grants Policy (New)	Friday, July 10 Friday, July 24 Friday, August 14 Friday, August 28 Friday, September 11 Friday, September 25

Quarter	Specific Policies to Be Updated or General Policy Topics to be Addressed	Posting Dates
Fourth Quarter (October 1 – December 31)	• ETP Data Practices Policy (New) • Carry-Forward Requests Policy (New) • WIOA Reallocation Process Policy (New) • WIOA Allocation Process Policy (New) • Incumbent Worker Training Programs Policy Updates	Friday, October 9 Friday, October 23 Friday, November 13 Monday, November 30 Friday, December 11 Monday, December 28

Advanced Copies and Policy Feedback:
As a reminder, DWFAP will not share advanced copies of draft policies. All stakeholders will get access to draft policies when the policies are posted for their 30-day public comment period. However, DWFAP always welcomes stakeholder feedback on specific policies or on general policy topics. Stakeholders may also submit preemptive feedback to DWFAP about specific policies or general policy topics. DWFAP may use this feedback in creating draft policies.

7. Inquiries

Questions related to this TAB should be directed to the DWFAP email: Dwfaprograms.deed@state.mn.us

8. Attachments

None

9. Advisory History

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