

February 10, 2025

The Honorable Michael J. Rodrigues
Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State House, Room 212
Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Aaron Michlewitz
Chair, House Committee on Ways and Means
State House, Room 243
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairs Rodrigues and Michlewitz:

Pursuant to Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024, we are transmitting to you this monthly report on the Working Training for EA Residents.

Sincerely,

Secretary Matthew J. Gorzkowicz,
Executive Office for Administration
and Finance

Secretary Lauren Jones,
Executive Office for Labor and
Workforce Development

Secretary Edward Augustus
Executive Office for Housing and
Livable Communities

Cristina Aguilera Sandoval
Executive Director of the Office for
Refugees and Immigrants

MEMORANDUM

TO: House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means
FR: Executive Office for Administration and Finance, Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development
DT: Monday February 10, 2025
RE: Monthly Approved and Authorized Training Programs report

Background/Narrative

The table below includes key datapoints outlined in Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024. The data is updated as of February 6, 2025. The Administration continues to pursue key activities related to these datapoints below.

Approved Training Programs

Datapoint	Value as of 2/6/25	Notes
Number of individuals participating in an approved training program	1,371	Individual is defined as an adult, at least 18 years old, who is either an EA shelter resident or has recently exited shelter.
Number of individuals participating in an approved training program since the last report	-769	While we expect this number to increase again in coming reports, this datapoint has decreased since the last report for two reasons: 1. The EA ESOL Pilot program concluded, and given the planned hotel closures, students are now re-enrolling in new, online, ESOL programs and there is latency in seeing the enrollments here. 2. Records for approved training program participants have been de-duplicated.
Number of EA residents participating in an approved training program	816	‘EA resident’ is defined as an individual who actively resides in EA shelter or in a temporary respite center. This number does not include people who have recently exited from shelter.
Number of EA residents participating in an approved training program since the last report	-1,059	Since the last report, this number has fallen for three reasons: 1. The EA ESOL Pilot program concluded, and given the planned hotel closures, students are now re-enrolling in new, online, programs; therefore, this number will soon increase. 2. Records for approved training program participants have been de-duplicated; and 3. Many students enrolled in ESOL programs have successfully exited shelter so are no longer EA residents. They may still access their ESOL program, so would be counted

		above as an “individual participating” but not here as an “EA resident participating”.
List of approved training programs	751 programs	<p>749 trainings from the Massachusetts Eligible Training Provider list have been identified and selected for EA residents in the following industries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Manufacturing • Health and human services • Clean energy and technology • Finance & Insurance • Information Technology • Transportation • Hospitality • Education • Life Sciences • Construction • Early childhood education <p><u>Other Trainings Include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Training Program • 1 Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program
Municipalities where the approved training programs are located	80	See Appendix A for the respective municipalities where the approved training programs are located.
Number of individuals waiting for placement in an approved training program	0	LWD is keeping waitlists for new programs. No individuals are on waiting lists at this time.
Number of individuals waiting for placement in an approved training program since the last report	0	LWD is keeping waitlists for new programs. No individuals are on waiting lists at this time.
Number of individuals who were provided notice of the availability of an approved training program	2,974	
Number of individuals who were provided notice of the availability of an approved training program since the last report	430	

Number of individuals who received an EAD while participating in an approved program	1,523	The number of individuals who participated in an approved training program and now have an EAD. Includes both current and exited EA residents.
Number of individuals who received an EAD while participating in an approved program since the last report	263	

Authorized Training Programs

Implementation status of authorized training programs: Subregulatory guidance issued by the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development on May 30th, 2024 pursuant to House Bill No. 4466 pertaining to the administration of authorized training programs established in subsection (dd) of section 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as inserted by section 6, and section 38NN of chapter 63 of the General Laws, as inserted by section 8, including, but not limited to, requirements to be deemed an authorized training program.

Datapoint	Value as of 2/6/25	Notes
Number of individuals participating in an authorized training program	35	Individual is defined as an adult, at least 18 years old, who is an EA shelter resident, or has recently exited shelter.
Number of individuals participating in an authorized training program since the last report	0	
Number of EA residents participating in an authorized training program	14	'EA resident' is defined as an individual who actively resides in EA shelter or in a temporary respite center. This number does not include people who have recently exited from shelter.
Number of EA residents participating in an authorized training program since the last report	-21	21 individuals participating in an authorized program exited shelter, since the last report.
Number of individuals waiting for placement in an authorized training program	17	
Number of individuals waiting for placement in an authorized training program since the last report	0	
Number of individuals who were provided notice of the availability of an authorized training program	2,974	

Number of individuals who were provided notice of the availability of an authorized training program since the last report	430	
Number of employers approved to offer an authorized training program by municipality and industry	5	See Appendix B for the municipalities and respective industries for authorized training programs.
Number of employers seeking to offer an authorized training program	0	
Number of individuals who received an EAD while participating in an authorized program	35	The number of individuals who participated in an authorized training program and now have an EAD. Includes both current and exited EA residents. Having an EAD is a requirement of entry into an authorized training program.
Number of individuals who received an EAD while participating in an authorized program since the last report	N/A	We are reporting this number for the first time.
Number of individuals offered employment after receiving an EAD in an authorized training program	N/A	Number of individuals are not available. Individuals in authorized training programs have not been offered employment at this time.
Number of individuals offered employment after receiving an EAD in an authorized training program since the last report	N/A	Number of individuals are not available. Individuals in authorized training programs have not been offered employment at this time.

EA Individuals Enrolled in Training Programs

Datapoint	Value as of 2/6/25	Notes
Number of EA residents enrolled in any type of job training program, who are active in shelter.	1,507	Residents of EA shelter self-reporting enrollment in any type of job training program, including but not limited to Authorized and Approved Training Programs. The number is lower as compared to last month's report due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents exiting shelter to stable housing. Residents becoming employed and therefore unenrolling from their training programs.

Appendix A: Approved Training Programs Municipalities

Andover	Fitchburg	Peabody	Westwood
Avon	Franklin	Pittsfield	Whitefield
Ayer	Gloucester	Plymouth	Wilbraham
Bedford	Greenfield	Quincy	Woburn
Billerica	Hathorne	Raynham	Worcester
Boston	Holyoke	Seekonk	
Bourne	Kingston	Shrewsbury	
Braintree	Lawrence	Smithfield	
Brockton	Leominster	Somers	
Brookline	Lexington	South Easton	
Burlington	Lowell	Springfield	
Buzzards Bay	Lynn	Taunton	
Cambridge	Malden	Tewksbury	
Canton	Marlborough	Turners Falls	
Charlton	Methuen	Tyngsboro	
Chelsea	Milton	Watertown	
Chicopee	Nashua	Waltham	
Concord	New Bedford	Wellesley	
Danvers	North Andover	West Barnstable	
Dedham	North Adams	West Boylston	
East Providence	North Oxford	West Springfield	
Enfield	Northampton	Westborough	
Everett	Nottingham	Westfield	
Fairhaven	Oxford	Westford	
Fall River	Pawtucket	Westport	

Appendix B: Authorized Training Programs

Training Program Employer	Municipality	Industry
Beth Israel Deaconess	Boston	Healthcare
Optiline	Headquartered in Nashua, New Hampshire – with worksite locations in MA (i.e. Walpole & Wakefield)	Construction
Beth Israel Lahey Health	Burlington	Healthcare
88 Acres	Canton	Advanced Manufacturing
Catania Oils	Ayer	Advanced Manufacturing