

April 7, 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: April 7, 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 April 3, 2025. The Administration continues to pursue key activities related to these datapoints below.

Approved Training Programs

Datapoint	Value as of 4/3/25	Notes
Number of individuals participating in an approved training program	1,738	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	396	This number has fallen slightly due to individuals unenrolling from training programs. Trainees may unenroll for a number of reasons, such as starting paid employment, or exiting shelter to a new area.
Number of EA residents participating in an approved training program	933	'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	143	This number has fallen slightly because (a) some trainees have unenrolled as above, and (b) some enrolled students have exited shelter so are no longer counted in this number.
List of approved training programs	756 programs	756 trainings from the Massachusetts Eligible Training Provider list have been identified and selected for EA residents in the following industries:

		<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	69	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	4,770	
Number of individuals who were provided notice of the availability of an approved training program since the last report	999	
Number of individuals who received an EAD	1,819	The number of individuals who participated in an approved training program and now have

while participating in an approved program		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 4/3/25	Notes
Number of individuals participating in an authorized training program	39	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	11	‘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	-2	This number has fallen due to authorized trainees exiting shelter.
Number of individuals waiting for placement in an authorized training program	0	
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	4,770	

Number of individuals who were provided notice of the availability of an authorized training program since the last report	999	
Number of employers approved to offer an authorized training program by municipality and industry	6	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	39	<p>The number of individuals who participated in an authorized training program and now have an EAD. Includes both current and exited EA residents.</p> <p>Having an EAD is a requirement of entry into an authorized training program.</p>
Number of individuals who received an EAD while participating in an authorized program since the last report	0	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.

Appendix A: Approved Training Programs Municipalities

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

Appendix B: Authorized Training Programs

Training Program Employer	Municipality	Industry
Beth Israel Deaconess	Boston	Healthcare
Optiline	Headquarters in Nashua, NH. Worksite locations in Walpole & Wakefield, MA.	Construction
Beth Israel Lahey Health	Burlington	Healthcare
88 Acres	Canton	Advanced Manufacturing
Catania Oils	Ayer	Advanced Manufacturing
Greenleaf Foods	Turner Falls	Food Service