

November 18, 2024

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

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TO: House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means  
FR: Executive Office for Administration and Finance, Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development  
DT: November 18, 2024  
RE: Monthly Approved and Authorized Training Programs report

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### Background/Narrative

The table below includes key datapoints outlined in Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024. The data is updated as of November 18, 2024. The Administration continues to pursue key activities related to these datapoints below.

### Approved Training Programs

Datapoint	Value as of 11/14/24	Notes
Number of individuals participating in an approved training program	1,777	Individual is defined as an adult, at least 18 years old, who is an EA shelter resident <b>or</b> in a temporary respite center.
Number of individuals participating in an approved training program since the last report	-32	The drop in individuals participating is due to the disengagement of participants in ESOL programs in temporary respite centers. Licenses were repurposed for other families.
Number of EA residents participating in an approved training program	1,643	
Number of EA residents participating in an approved training program since the last report	49	
List of approved training programs	745 programs*	743 trainings from the <a href="#">Massachusetts Eligible Training Provider</a> list have been identified and selected for EA residents in the following industries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advanced Manufacturing</li><li>• Health and human services</li><li>• Clean energy and technology</li><li>• Finance &amp; Insurance</li><li>• Information Technology</li><li>• Transportation</li><li>• Hospitality</li><li>• Education</li></ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life Sciences</li> <li>• Construction</li> <li>• Early childhood education</li> </ul> <p>Additionally, two English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) programs overseen by the Office of Immigrants and Refugees are offered as approved training programs.</p> <p>*The number is lower than the last report due to an inventory of programs indicating closures and/or programs no longer being offered.</p>
Municipalities where the approved training programs are located	74 communities	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	N/A	Not tracked at this time – as new programs launch, LWD will begin keeping waitlists for new programs.
Number of individuals waiting for placement in an approved training program since the last report	N/A	Not tracked at this time – as new programs launch, LWD will begin keeping waitlists for new programs.
Number of individuals who were provided notice of the availability of an approved training program	1,321	
Number of individuals who were provided notice of the availability of an approved training program since the last report	480	
Number of individuals who received an EAD while participating in an approved program	700	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	101	

### Authorized Training Programs

**Implementation status of authorized training programs:** Subregulatory guidance issued by the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 11/14/24	Notes
Number of individuals participating in an authorized training program	0	Individual is defined as an adult, at least 18 years old, who is an EA shelter resident or in a temporary respite center.
Number of individuals participating in an authorized training program since the last report	0	
Number of EA residents participating in an authorized training program	0	Number of individuals are not yet available; LWD is finalizing the system and process for tracking these numbers.
Number of EA residents participating in an authorized training program since the last report	0	
Number of individuals waiting for placement in an authorized training program	0	Number of individuals are not yet available; LWD is finalizing the system and process for tracking these numbers.
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	1,321	
Number of individuals who were provided notice of the availability of an authorized training program since the last report	480	
Number of employers approved to offer an authorized training program by municipality and industry	0	
Number of employers seeking to offer an authorized training program	0	

Number of individuals who received an EAD while participating in an authorized program	N/A	Number of individuals are not available; state agencies are continuously evaluating the data collection system to improve our tracking and reporting capabilities, but currently do not have the capability to report on this metric as defined.
Number of individuals who received an EAD while participating in an authorized program since the last report	N/A	Number of individuals are not available; state agencies are continuously evaluating the data collection system to improve our tracking and reporting capabilities, but currently do not have the capability to report on this metric as defined.
Number of individuals offered employment after receiving an EAD in an authorized training program	N/A	Number of individuals are not available; state agencies are continuously evaluating the data collection system to improve our tracking and reporting capabilities, but currently do not have the capability to report on this metric as defined.
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; state agencies are continuously evaluating the data collection system to improve our tracking and reporting capabilities, but currently do not have the capability to report on this metric as defined.

**EA Individuals Enrolled in Training Programs**

Datapoint	Value as of 11/14/24	Notes
Number of EA residents enrolled in any type of job training program.	2,266	Residents of EA shelter self-reporting enrollment in any type of job training program, including but not limited to Authorized and Approved Training Programs.

## Appendix A: Approved Training Programs Municipalities

<b>Andover</b>	<b>Franklin</b>	<b>Randolph</b>
<b>Ashland</b>	<b>Gloucester</b>	<b>Roxbury</b>
<b>Avon</b>	<b>Greenfield</b>	<b>Seekonk</b>
<b>Bedford</b>	<b>Hathorne</b>	<b>Smithfield</b>
<b>Billerica</b>	<b>Holyoke</b>	<b>Somers</b>
<b>Boston</b>	<b>Hyde Park</b>	<b>South Easton</b>
<b>Bourne</b>	<b>Lawrence</b>	<b>Springfield</b>
<b>Braintree</b>	<b>Lexington</b>	<b>Taunton</b>
<b>Brockton</b>	<b>Lowell</b>	<b>Tewksbury</b>
<b>Brookline</b>	<b>Malden</b>	<b>Turners Falls</b>
<b>Burlington</b>	<b>Marlborough</b>	<b>Tyngsboro</b>
<b>Buzzards Bay</b>	<b>Mattapan</b>	<b>Watertown</b>
<b>Cambridge</b>	<b>Milton</b>	<b>Wellesley</b>
<b>Canton</b>	<b>Nashua</b>	<b>West Barnstable</b>
<b>Charlestown</b>	<b>New Bedford</b>	<b>West Boylston</b>
<b>Charlton</b>	<b>North Andover</b>	<b>Westborough</b>
<b>Chelsea</b>	<b>North Adams</b>	<b>Westfield</b>
<b>Dallas</b>	<b>Northampton</b>	<b>Westford</b>
<b>Danvers</b>	<b>Nottingham</b>	<b>Westport</b>
<b>East Providence</b>	<b>Oxford</b>	<b>Westwood</b>
<b>Enfield</b>	<b>Palmer</b>	<b>Whitefield</b>
<b>Fairhaven</b>	<b>Pawtucket</b>	<b>Wilbraham</b>
<b>Fall River</b>	<b>Pittsfield</b>	<b>Woburn</b>
<b>Fitchburg</b>	<b>Plymouth</b>	<b>Worcester</b>
<b>Framingham</b>	<b>Quincy</b>	