

Working Without Limits: An Employer Summit

State Disability-Employment Resources for Employers

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Center for Health Policy and Research (CHPR) at UMass Medical School

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Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI) at UMASS Boston

Supports the rights of children and adults with disabilities to participate in all aspects of the community. As practitioners, researchers, and teachers, ICI forms partnerships with individuals, families, and communities and together advocate for personal choice, self-determination, and social and economic justice. ICI projects and programs involve local, state, and national agencies, schools, institutes of higher education, national service programs, rehabilitation providers, multicultural organizations, employers, and many others. All of these partnerships work to further goals of independence and inclusion. <http://www.communityinclusion.org/>

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC)

Promotes dignity for individuals with disabilities through employment and independent living in the community, and is responsible for Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Community Services, and eligibility determination for the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) federal benefits programs. <http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eohhs2agencylanding&L=4&L0=Home&L1=Government&L2=Departments+and+Divisions&L3=Massachusetts+Rehabilitation+Commission&sid=Eeohhs2>

Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB)

Provides rehabilitation and social services to blind individuals in Massachusetts leading to independence and full community participation. <http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eohhs2agencylanding&L=4&L0=Home&L1=Government&L2=Departments+and+Divisions&L3=Massachusetts+Commission+for+the+Blind&sid=Eeohhs2>

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<http://www.commute.com/default.asp>

Department of Workforce Development & Massachusetts One Stop Career Centers serve as a vital link, connecting workers and employers to bring about economic opportunity. Employers can take advantage of employment and training resources such as assistance with recruitment and hiring, job matching with potential hires, workforce training grants, tax credit programs, labor market information and more.

[http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=elwdagencylanding&L=4&L0=Home&L1=Government&L2=Departments+and+Divisions+\(EOLWD\)&L3=Department+of+Workforce+Development&sid=Elwd](http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=elwdagencylanding&L=4&L0=Home&L1=Government&L2=Departments+and+Divisions+(EOLWD)&L3=Department+of+Workforce+Development&sid=Elwd)

Using the link below, you can locate Career Centers in your area.

<http://www.careeronestop.org/>

Massachusetts Department of Mental Health (DMH)

Assures and provides access to services and supports to meet the mental health needs of individuals of all ages, enabling them to live, work and participate in their communities; establishes standards to ensure effective and culturally competent care to promote recovery; sets policy, promotes self-determination, protects human rights and supports mental health training and research. This critical mission is accomplished by working in partnership with other state agencies, individuals, families, providers and communities.

<http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eohhs2agencylanding&L=4&L0=Home&L1=Government&L2=Departments+and+Divisions&L3=Department+of+Mental+Health&sid=Eeohhs2>

Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services (DDS) (Formerly Department of Mental Retardation)

Dedicated to creating innovative and genuine opportunities for individuals with mental retardation to participate fully and meaningfully in, and contribute to, their communities as valued members.

<http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eohhs2agencylanding&L=4&L0=Home&L1=Government&L2=Departments+and+Divisions&L3=Department+of+Mental+Retardation&sid=Eeohhs2>

Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (MCDHH)

The principal agency in the Commonwealth on behalf of people of all ages who are deaf and hard of hearing; all functions and services enable deaf and hard of hearing individuals to have access to information, services, education, and opportunities which will be equal to those of able-bodied people who hear and will enable each deaf and hard of hearing individual to live productively and independently while assuming fullest responsibilities as a citizen.

<http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eohhs2agencylanding&L=4&L0=Home&L1=Government&L2=Departments+and+Divisions&L3=Massachusetts+Commission+for+the+Deaf+and+Hard+of+Hearing&sid=Eeohhs2>

Massachusetts Department of Veteran's Services (DVS)

Provides information on state and federal benefits, including details about where and how to apply for veterans and their dependents, and members of the [Guard and Reserve](#) who have been called-up to active duty. <http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=veteranshomepage&L=1&L0=Home&sid=Eveterans>

MassHealth CommonHealth

MassHealth CommonHealth is a health plan for adults and children with disabilities. This sheet has facts about the insurance program and how to sign up. There is also a list of phone numbers and a website to contact for help and more information.

<http://www.hcfama.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewpage&pageid=522>

CommonHealth publication, Institute for Community Inclusion

This online publication details specifics on the who, what & how's of the CommonHealth health plan in Massachusetts. http://www.communityinclusion.org/article.php?article_id=163

The Massachusetts Clubhouse Coalition (MCC) A non-profit organization whose membership includes over 15,000 Massachusetts residents who have mental illness and the 32 recovery and rehabilitation centers called "Clubhouses" that help to sustain them. The MCC serves as a model for Clubhouse Coalitions internationally and is overseeing the National Employment Expansion Project. The Project is a multifaceted approach to expanding employment opportunities while raising awareness about mental illness.

<http://www.massclubs.org/>

Easter Seals Assistive Technology Center

Offers assistive technology information and services to help people of all ages with all kinds of disabilities. http://ma.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=MADR_homepage

New England ADA and Accessible IT Center

Provides information and guidance on the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 508, and accessible information technology to individuals and businesses in New England.

<http://adaptiveenvironments.org/neada/site/home>

New England INDEX: Information on Disabilities Exchange

Website of disability-related government and private resources located in New England.

<http://www.disabilityinfo.org/>

Job Stress Solutions_

Specializes in providing counseling and coaching to people with work related stress and mental health/psychiatric issues. <http://www.jobstressolutions.com/>

New England Assistive Technology Center at Oak Hill

NEAT Center at Oak Hill brings people with temporary or permanent disabilities, seniors, families and professionals together with equipment, services and training to enhance independence at school, work or home. <http://www.neatmarketplace.org/>