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To: Transitional Assistance Office Staff

From:  John Augeri, Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations

Re: TAFDC – Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) “Independence Through Employment” Project

**Jewish
Vocational
Service (JVS)
“Independence
Through
Employment”
Project**

Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) has received a Project with Industry (PWI) grant to implement the “Independence through Employment” project. Beginning January 21, 2009, this project will create and expand employment and career opportunities for applicants and clients in the Greater Boston area who have significant disabilities.

The project will address the need for applicants and clients with significant disabilities, some of whom have been unemployed for over six months, to:

- identify viable career paths,
- receive training in job readiness/customer service skills and relevant job-specific training,
- enter competitive employment, and
- receive post-placement support and career advancement services.

Note: This activity will meet a client’s Work Participation Requirement.

Client Referrals Client referrals for this project should be made to JVS only in the following TAOs:

- Boston Family Housing,
- Dudley Square,
- Malden,
- Newmarket Square,
- North Shore and
- Revere.

Clients from the TAOs listed above should be referred to JVS if they:

- are between the ages of 18-65, and
- have significant disabilities (both exempt and nonexempt clients).

Referrals to JVS should be made by case managers as follows:

- from the Resource window, select “Vocational Rehabilitation” from the “Component” drop down list;
- select “Vocational Rehabilitation Services” from the “Activity” drop down list; and
- select “JVS – ITE” as the “Resource.”

**JVS
Responsibilities**

JVS will:

- market this project in the TAOs listed above; and
- refer clients to MRC for disability certification, as needed.

Questions

If you have any questions, please have your Hotline designee call the Policy Hotline.
