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Resources for People with HIV Who Are Entering or Re-entering the Workplace

AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts
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AIDS Action can provide information and resources to people living with HIV and their service providers, with special emphasis on disability and other benefits. They can help people navigate the financial waters of going back to work and can refer individuals to other programs for direct employment services.

Boston Living Center
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617-236-1012, 29 Stanhope St., Boston, MA 02116

The Living Center is a community center serving people with HIV in the Boston area. Anyone living with HIV is eligible to become a member, free of charge. The Living Center's Career Services offers professional employment counseling and support to help clients create resumes and practice interviewing skills. One-hour appointments are available Tuesdays and Thursdays. In addition, volunteer positions and internships with the Living Center are available for members interested in testing the employment waters and gaining confidence before diving in headfirst.

Casa Esperanza
617-445-1123, 291 Eustis Street Roxbury, MA 02119
www.casaesperanza.org

Residential home for Latinos with substance abuse problems. Vocational and educational rehabilitation; job search training; and referrals and placement are provided to help residents achieve economic self-sufficiency.

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Boston
617-482-5440 for locations
www.ccab.org

Catholic Charities provides HIV/AIDS support services, connecting clients with affordable, stabilizing resources in their community, in order to help them maintain their physical, psychological, and spiritual health. CCAB also has a variety of other services open to the general population including substance abuse treatment, immigration services, and youth programs. Job Counseling and Readiness Programs provide job training, placement, and follow-up for certified nurse's aides and entry-level office workers. Post-placement staff tracks clients and provides resources such as continuing education. Job Training and Placement Programs are available at multiple sites including Dorchester, Lynn and Brockton.

Dimock Community Health Center

617-442-8800 x 1219, 55 Dimock Street, Roxbury, MA 02119

www.dimock.org

Workforce Development (WFD) operates education and training programs, including GED and Adult Basic Education programs and Long-term Skills Training programs, which offer Certified Nurses Aides Training and Medical Assistant/Clinical Assistant Training. All programs are free to qualified applicants.

HopeFound: IMPACT Employment Services

617-542-3388 x 11; 105 Chauncy St. Boston, MA 02111

IMPACT is Greater Boston's largest employment service for homeless individuals and families. Employment counselors, job developers and educational and training specialists speak a variety of languages and represent diverse cultural and economic backgrounds. To be eligible for the program, individuals must be referred through the homeless assistance system or by the Department of Corrections. Services include individual employment counseling and job search planning, resume development, workshops, referrals, and education and training.

Latin-American Health Institute

617-350-6900; 95 Berkeley St. Boston, MA 02116

www.lhi.org

LHI provides job readiness preparation for people with HIV or substance abusers with 6 months sobriety, including initial consultations, resume and interview skills, referrals to job training programs, and job placement assistance. Priority is given to LHI clients.

Massachusetts Division of Career Services (DCS)

617-626-5300, Charles F. Hurley Building 19 Staniford Street Boston, MA 02114

www.detma.org

DCS manages a range of programs related to employment, training and workforce development. DCS oversees Massachusetts's 32 One-Stop Career Centers that provide job seekers with career guidance as well as referrals to jobs and training. DCS publications provide employment projections, career descriptions, as well as information and advice on resumes, networking, applications, and more. Most publications are available in Chinese, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, Spanish and Vietnamese. Comprehensive website includes listing of Career Centers, publications, and other job search tools. Most services are provided free of charge.

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission—Public Vocational Rehabilitation

617-204-3854, 800-245-6543; Fort Point Place Suite 600 27 Wormwood Street; Boston, MA 02210-1616

www.mass.gov/mrc/mrc.htm

MRC assists individuals with disabilities to live independently and go to work. Its Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is an employment-focused program for people with physical or mental disabilities. Eligibility is limited to people who have a severe disability that is a substantial impediment to employment. Counselors and Employment Specialists provide comprehensive career counseling, planning and job search assistance. Special programs include: Community Based Employment Services and Supported Employment for individuals with cognitive impairments; Disability Employment Partnership promotes the diversity of the Commonwealth's workforce by hiring persons with disabilities; and Ticket to Work for people receiving SSI or SSDI due to disability or blindness. MRC has area offices throughout the state.

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