Supporting Iowa's COVID-19 Dislocated Workers Statewide

Project Summary (Need)
As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the State of Iowa has had the highest numbers of unemployment claims in: manufacturing, accommodation and food service, healthcare and retail trade. The two industries that Iowa will focus attention to are accommodation and food service reporting 48,904 claims, and Retail Trade with 31,467 claims as of April 2020.

Employment Recovery Activities
The project will provide individualized assistance to dislocated workers who are interested in gaining new skills in order to become reemployed in in-demand careers. In order to connect individuals to new career pathways, individual's strengths, barriers and support service needs will be assessed, and applicable career and/or training services will be provided that best meet their individual needs. On-going services will be provided up until the point the individual has achieved their employment goal. Subsequent follow-up services will be made available to dislocated workers placed in unsubsidized employment to encourage successful employment retention.

Eligible Participants
Workers laid off due to quarantine orders or business closures related to disruptions caused by the outbreak are eligible participants. Also eligible are workers unable to go to their regular workplace due to social distancing requirements, as well as those missing work to care for a family member.

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