Supporting Delaware’s COVID-19 Dislocated Workers
New Castle, Kent, Sussex

Project Summary (Need)
The mass layoffs across three (3) counties New Castle, Kent, and Sussex have affected workers across all industry sectors, more specifically in Hospitality/Restaurant, Retail, Manufacturing, and Education. These mass layoffs have created a statewide threat to the economy and ability for residents to take care of themselves and family members with adequate finances and other supports necessary to maintain stability. The Delaware Department of Labor plans to implement employment and training services to an increased number of dislocated workers than in the past program years in order to help our Delawareans return to work and provide employers with qualified workers for the future.

Employment Recovery Activities
Proposed services will assist participants in securing employment in in-demand jobs by developing and maintaining working relationships with Industry Association partnerships that will be included as part of an early intervention strategy to address in-demand jobs within the Restaurant, Manufacturing, Healthcare, and Education sectors. Allowable activities will consist of Employment and Training services that provide career guidance, employment assistance, skills upgrade training/post-secondary education, and supportive services for dislocated workers.

Eligible Participants
Workers laid-off as a result of the disaster, including workers who are laid off as a result of a quarantine, because they miss work to care for a family member, or because they cannot come to their regular workplace in order to follow socially distance requirements; and, workers laid off after a business closure related to disruptions caused by the outbreak and the efforts to contain it.

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