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8,000 Arkansans to Benefit from Improved Reemployment Services

Little Rock, Ark. — In continued efforts to provide the best possible support to jobless workers, the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services will be enhancing Arkansas' reemployment services for select Unemployment Insurance claimants. The U.S. Department of Labor announced June 29 that it will award ADWS with \$537,758 to fund Arkansas' Reemployment Services Eligibility Assessment program, which will benefit more than 8,000 Arkansans.

“This program will be delivered through an intensive case management approach,” said ADWS Director Daryl Bassett. “We requested the funds to build on the success of the state's current Reemployment Services program and will focus on removing barriers to employment for those receiving unemployment insurance, including men and women who are returning home from serving our country.”

The RESEA program will be targeted toward UI claimants who are most likely to exhaust their UI benefits before finding employment as well as transitioning veterans receiving Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Servicemembers to assist them in reentering the workforce more quickly. Intensive services include a complete review of eligibility for services; the development of individual reemployment plans consisting of notable milestones and steps the individuals will take to reach their employment goals; skills assessments; access to labor market information relevant to the their location, job skills and employment prospects; job search and resume assistance; and referrals to partner services and training.

Initially, these services will be provided at Arkansas Workforce Centers located in and serving the areas of Helena, Hope, Benton, Searcy, Forrest City and Little Rock.

To learn more about the RESEA program, contact ADWS Reemployment Services Manager Tammy Dragon at 501-682-2019 or Tammy.Dragon@arkansas.gov.

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