



Aviation Worker Response

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The Kansas Department of Labor, the Kansas Department of Commerce and the Kansas Department for Children and Families are partnering to ensure that workers affected by the recent Boeing 737 MAX production halt, including workers for supply chain contractors and suppliers to the aviation industry, have a seamless transition to services that will provide a bridge until production begins again or other employment is found. In light of this, below is a list of available resources for businesses and/or employees that could be facing furloughs, layoffs or other reductions in workforce.

Employment Services

The state of Kansas offers employment services to bring together individuals seeking employment with employers seeking workers. Services can be accessed at any of the 25 **KANSASWORKS** workforce centers and include job search assistance, help getting job referrals and placement assistance for job seekers. Additionally, **KANSASWORKS** offers recruitment services to employers with job openings.

For more information, visit a local workforce center. [Click here](#) to view locations and contact information.

Wichita Workforce Center

2021 N. Amidon
Wichita, KS 67203
(316) 771-6800

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

Unemployment insurance benefits may be available to individuals who are involuntarily unemployed. The amount of the benefit will vary based upon the amount of money that the individual has previously earned, but will be between \$122.00 and \$488.00 per week. At this time, individuals can receive a maximum of 16 weeks of benefits.

In order to receive benefits, individuals must meet all eligibility requirements including being able

and available for work and actively seeking work. Individuals receiving benefits may also be required to participate in reemployment services such as Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) or My (Re)Employment. Both of these programs strive to connect unemployment recipients with workforce service professionals in an effort to get unemployed Kansans back to work faster.

To learn how an employer can file an application for benefits on behalf of impacted employers, contact:

Maureen Reynolds

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or Visit <https://www.kansasemployer.gov/uitax/Tax/LayoffSelect.aspx>

For general information about unemployment insurance benefits, visit www.getkansasbenefits.gov or call the Kansas Department of Labor at one of the following numbers:

Unemployment Contact Center

Wichita: (316) 383-9947

Toll-Free: (800) 292-6333

Shared Work Program

Businesses may use the Shared Work Program in lieu of a temporary, total layoff of employees. It allows for partial work week and partial unemployment benefits to employees. To participate, normal weekly work hours for employees must be reduced by 20% (no more than 40%) and apply to at least 10% of employees.

For more information, visit <https://www.dol.ks.gov/employers/shared-work-program> or email KDOL.SharedWork@ks.gov.

Rapid Response for Layoffs & KANSASWORKS Mobile Workforce Centers

If you are unable to retrain or participate in a shared work program and a layoff becomes necessary, **KANSASWORKS** Workforce Centers can provide your affected employees with Rapid Response information to aid in their transition – all at no cost to the employer or employee. In addition, Mobile Workforce Centers may be deployed to address high demand for workforce assistance due to mass layoffs, if needed. The Mobile Workforce Centers include eleven internet-ready computer stations to assist job candidates.

For more information contact:

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Hiring Laid Off Workers & Layoff Aversion Retraining Funds

If your business is not facing a reduction in force and instead is seeking to increase workforce, **KANSASWORKS** Workforce Centers can assist with promotion of your positions to workers affected by layoffs in order to retain talented workforce in the region.

Funding is available to retrain potentially affected employees into other job codes not impacted by a reduction in workforce. Available funds include:

- **Dislocated Worker Grant:** businesses can receive up to \$3,200 reimbursement for training into any position.
- **Kansas Advanced Manufacturing Promise Grant:** businesses can receive up to \$3,000 reimbursement for training in advanced manufacturing positions.

For more information, contact:

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DCF Programs Available to Displaced Workers

[The Emergency Food Assistance Program \(TEFAP\)](#)

TEFAP provides free USDA commodities to households with income below 130% of the federal poverty level.

[Supplemental Food Assistance Program \(SNAP\)](#)

SNAP food assistance is a monthly benefit which allows individuals and families to purchase food for themselves and their families.

[Temporary Assistance for Needy Families](#)

TANF cash assistance provides a monthly benefit to low-income families with children to help them pay for basic needs, including shelter, utilities, diapers and transportation.

Child Care Assistance

Child care assistance provides a monthly benefit to working families to help pay all or part of their child care expenses.

For more information, or to apply:

- Wichita Service Center
(316) 337-7000 ext. 7 or (316) 337-7225
- El Dorado Service Center
(316) 321-4200
- Winfield Service Center
(620) 221-6400
- Pratt Service Center
(620) 672-5955

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