

# Getting Maryland Back to Work

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# Full Steam Ahead!

## Maryland is in Reemployment Mode

- July 2021 Unemployment Rate at 6%
- Enhanced Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits ended
- UI Work Search Requirements Reinstated
- Employers need qualified workers



# American Job Center Services

## AJC Physical Service Sites are Open to Serve Customers

### Job Seekers

- Employment Services  
*(Workshops, job fairs, Maryland Workforce Exchange, etc.)*
- Individualized Career Services
- Career Services for Special Populations/Initiatives  
*(Reentry Navigators, Apprenticeship Navigators, EARN Maryland, etc.)*

### Businesses

- Recruiting services/events
- Applicant screening
- Job readiness training
- Training dollars to upskill employees
- Support for laid-off workers
- Assistance w/ tax credits and other incentive programs

# New Resources

- **American Rescue Plan Act - \$75 M**
- **Apprenticeship Expansion Grant - \$6 M**
  - Employer Incentive Plan - \$3.3 M
  - 2021 Maryland Community College Apprenticeship Initiative - \$750 K
  - 2021 Maryland Youth Apprenticeship Initiative - \$750 K



**Questions?**

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