The Department of Economic Opportunity’s (DEO) State Rapid Response Program serves as Florida’s Dislocated Worker Coordination Unit, as required by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) provide Rapid Response services when employers submit layoff and business closing notices under the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act or when there is an announcement or notification of a permanent closure (regardless of the number of affected employees), a mass layoff (affecting 50 or more workers), a mass job dislocation resulting from a natural or other disaster, or when a Trade Adjustment Assistance petition is filed. Dislocated Worker Coordinator Unit, as required by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

EXAMPLES OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY LWDBs AND THEIR LOCAL CAREER CENTERS INCLUDE:

- Job training services
- Filing of Reemployment Assistance claims
- Resume preparation and job-readiness workshops
- Job placement services
- Career and skills assessment services
- Labor market information
- Referrals to community programs
- Information on the impacts of layoff on health coverage and other benefits
- Community resource workshops
- Veterans’ program
- Supportive services
- Job fairs and other special events

In support of Rapid Response activities, DEO has a Mobile Career Center that can be deployed across the state to respond to layoffs and participate in job fairs upon request. The Mobile Career Center offers a full array of employment, reemployment and employer services. Internet access is available for filing reemployment assistance claims and searching Employ Florida and other job banks.

Additional program information may be found at www.FloridaJobs.org/State Rapid Response Program.