

Dept. of Workforce Development: Wisconsin business closing & mass layoff (WARN) notice: Sears auto center unit and Sears full line store

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DWD has received the following Wisconsin Business Closing and Mass Layoff (WARN) notices:

Sears Auto Center Unit and Sears Full Line Store – As was previously announced, Sears Auto Center Unit and Sears Full Line Store will be permanently ceasing operations at their 5200 South 76th Street, Greendale WI 53129 location. Approximately 88 employees at the Full Line Store and 8 employees at the Auto Center Unit will be affected during the 14 day period beginning on September 17, 2017. DWD and its regional workforce partners the Employ Milwaukee Rapid Response team will offer Rapid Response services to the affected workers.

Workforce Development Dislocated Worker Services Summary

The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Dislocated Worker Program provides transition assistance to workers and companies affected by permanent worker layoffs. The Program's local Rapid Response Teams help companies and worker representatives develop and implement a practical transition plan based on the size of the layoff event. Types of services include:

- pre-layoff workshops on a variety of topics such as resume writing and interviewing, job search strategies, and budgeting

- provision of information about programs and resources through written materials and information sessions
- career and resource fairs.

Workers affected by permanent layoff may also access basic re-employment services at no charge through the state's Job Centers. Some services, including training assistance, may be an option for some workers after enrolling in one or more of DWD's workforce development programs. While all companies faced with permanent worker layoffs are encouraged to seek assistance from the local Rapid Response Teams, some companies may be required to give 60 days notice before a mass layoff or closing under federal and/or state law. More information about advance notice requirements is available at <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dislocatedworker/>.