
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, May 21, 2026, from 9:00-10:30 a.m.

In-Person attendance is encouraged

Clemens Food Group Welcome Center, 285 N Michigan Ave, Coldwater, MI 49036

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- I. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS** Brian O'Donnell, Chair
- II. RECOGNITIONS** Amy Meyers
 - A. Shining Stars – January, February, March
- III. TRANSPARENCY & INTEGRITY OF WDB DECISIONS** Debbie Horn
- IV. PUBLIC TIME**
- V. MINUTES *(Vote Required)***
 - A. February 19, 2026 WDB Executive Committee Meeting Minutes *(Exhibit A)*
- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. Disability Awareness Resource Team (DART) John Fiore
 - B. Career and Education Advisory Council (CEAC) Darrin Adair
- VII. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. WDB Plans *(Vote Required)* Amanda Rosenberg
 - 1. FY2026 GF/GP Funding for YPP *(Exhibit B)*
 - 2. FY2026 GPTF Program Admin Cycle 1 *(Exhibit C)*
 - 3. FY2026 Workforce and Employer Expansion: Sector Strategies and Related Activities *(Exhibit D)*
 - 4. Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) Under the WIOA *(Exhibit E)*
 - 5. Infrastructure Funding Agreements (IFAs) Under the WIOA *(Exhibit F)*
 - B. Plan Ratifications *(Vote Required)* Amanda Rosenberg

1. AY2025 WIOA Statewide Activities Funding for the Young Professionals 2026 Initiative
(Exhibit G)

C. WDB and CEAC Action Items *(Vote Required)*

1. WDB Executive Member *(Exhibit H)* Debbie Horn
 2. CEAC Membership Changes/Renewals *(Exhibits I1-I2)* Debbie Horn
 - a. CEAC Chair and Vice Chair Debbie Horn
- D. Request for Proposal (RFP) Announcements Amanda Rosenberg
1. RFP2026_1 - Outreach and Communications Services
 2. RFP2026_2 - One Stop Operator

VIII. PROGRAM

- A. Employer Resource Network (ERN), Kelli Adams, Director

IX. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Business Solutions Update, Dashboard *(Exhibit J)* and Lightcast Data Analytics *(Exhibit K)* Ashley Iovieno
- B. Operations Update & Dashboard *(Exhibit L1-L2)* Amy Meyers
- C. Director Updates Jakki Bungart-Bibb

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. PUBLIC TIME

XII. MEMBERS' TIME

XIII. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- A. Full Workforce Development Board – Thursday, September 17, 2026 (9:00-10:30 am), at a location in St. Joseph County
- B. Executive Committee – Thursday, August 20, 2026 (9:00-10:30 am) at the Battle Creek Service Center, 200 W. Van Buren St., Battle Creek, MI 49017
- C. Career Educational Advisory Council (CEAC) – Monday, September 14, 2026 (1:00-3:00 pm) at the Upjohn Institute, 300 S. Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007
- D. Disability Awareness Resource Team (DART) – Tuesday, October 20, 2026 (2:00-3:30 pm) at the Upjohn Institute, 300 S. Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Brian O'Donnell, Chair

**Workforce Development Board
 Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes
 February 19, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER: Workforce Development Board Chair Brian O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. at the Michigan Works! Southwest Service Center, 200 W. Van Buren Street, Battle Creek, Michigan.

WDB Members Present:

Darrin Adair (Educ)*	Brian O'Donnell (PS)*	Dr. Paul Watson (EDU)
Jonathan Current (Labor)	Jose Orozco (CBO)	
Randall Hazelbaker (PS)*	David Pawloski (Labor) [∨]	
Al Ives (PS)	David Prellwitz (Labor) [∨]	[∨] Virtual
Dave Maurer (PS)*	Frank Tecumseh (PS)*	*Exec Committee
Karen Marcath (PAA)		

WDB Members Absent

Jill Bland (Econ Dev)	Jared Hoffmaster (PS)	David Stafford (PS)
Ross Daniels (PS)	Lisa Johansen (OTH)	Liz Van Dussen (PS)
Jessica Eyster (PS)	Derek King (PS)	Ken Willcutt (PS)
John Fiore (RA)	Sabrina Radenovic (PS)	
Jeff Heppler (PS)	Windy Rea (PS)	

Center for Workforce Innovation and Solutions / Michigan Works! Southwest Staff Present:

Jakki Bungart-Bibb	Ashley Iovieno	Amanda Rosenberg
Debbie Horn	Amy Meyers	Jennifer Teske [∨]
Mike Horrigan (Upjohn)		Mark Waurio

Guests Present:

Jim Benton (KRESA)	Blaine Farr (WDI)	Eric Pschigoda (GOCC)
Owen Brennan [∨]	David Gregory	Kristine Stevens (GOCC) [∨]
For Representative	Julie Gregory (WDI)	Amanda Sutherland
Rogers	Sarah Mansberger (KRESA)	(KRESA)

INTRODUCTIONS

All attendees introduced themselves and the entities they represent.

RECOGNITION

Michigan Works! Southwest Shining Star Awards

December 2025 – Julie Gregory has been recognized for her exceptional performance, professionalism, and positive impact on colleagues and customers. She consistently delivers accurate, high-quality work and supports her team with collaboration and innovative ideas, helping improve internal processes and customer satisfaction. Julie's dedication, reliability, and commitment to excellence reflect the organization's core values and make her a trusted, valued team member. Amy Meyers added that Julie is a resource for so many of the Michigan Works! staff, and her expertise is unmatched.

TRANSPARENCY & INTEGRITY OF WDB DECISIONS

Debbie Horn asked members present if there were any items on the agenda for which a conflict of interest exists, and if so, the conflict should be declared at this time.

There were none.

PUBLIC TIME

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Exhibit A)

Motion made by Randall Hazelbaker and supported by Al Ives to approve the January 15, 2026, WDB Executive Committee board meeting minutes. Motion carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

WDB Plans (Exhibit B)

Amanda Rosenberg requested Board consideration and approval of one workforce development plan included in the agenda packet. Details for the plan were described in the corresponding Exhibit and are listed below:

- CY 2026 Michigan Works! System Plan Instructions (Exhibit B)

Motion made by Frank Tecumseh and supported by Dr. Paul Watson to approve the plan as presented. Motion carried.

WDB Policies (Exhibits C1-C3)

Amanda Rosenberg requested Board consideration and approval of one workforce development policy included in the agenda packet. Details for the plan were described in the corresponding Exhibit and are listed below:

- WDB Policy 33 R04 – Rapid Response (Exhibits C1-C3)

Motion made by Dr. Paul Watson and supported by Al Ives to approve the policy as presented. Motion carried.

PROGRAMS

Workforce Development Partner Spotlight – KRESA Career Connect Center

Sarah Mansberger, Executive Director of Career Connect KRESA, gave a presentation highlighting KRESA's services in the Kalamazoo County Intermediate School District. KRESA provides services across nine local school districts as well as some non-public and homeschooled students. Its core functions include supporting special education and career and technical education (CTE), with additional focus areas such as early childhood programs, educator support, and operational services to help districts run effectively. The Career Connect department, launched in 2019, leads efforts to expand career learning across the county by helping students explore career options early, connect with local employers, and gain real-world experience.

The new Career Connect campus opened on August 25, 2025, and brings CTE programs into one central location for students across the county. The 167,000 square-foot facility includes 22 labs and currently serves about 1,150 students in hands-on, two-hour courses taught largely by instructors with industry experience. Programs are designed with input from local employers and lead to industry-recognized credentials tied to in-demand careers in the region. Since opening, the program has increased countywide CTE participation by 25% and continues to focus on helping students build both technical skills and important workplace skills like communication, teamwork, and problem-solving.

Economic Outlook – The Upjohn Institute for Employment Research

Mike Horrigan, President, provided a presentation highlighting that the U.S. economy remains relatively strong overall, with Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growing at an annualized rate of approximately 4.4% in late 2025. However, some warning signs are emerging. Consumer confidence has been declining, and certain leading indicators have slowed. While job growth continues, it is concentrated in a few sectors, especially healthcare and social assistance, rather than spread evenly across various industries.

Inflation has improved significantly, dropping from a peak of 9.1% in 2022 to around 2.4%, though many people still feel the impact of higher prices, particularly for housing, rent, and healthcare. Locally, the economic outlook is somewhat stronger than the national picture. Employment in Kalamazoo and nearby counties has largely recovered from pandemic losses, with solid labor force participation and job growth in areas like healthcare and local government, although sectors such as retail and food services remain softer.

STAFF REPORTS (Exhibits D & F)

Business Solutions - Ashley Iovieno reported that the Dashboard (Exhibit D) was included in the agenda packet and contains the updated numbers of employers served and services provided through January 2026. Ms. Iovieno also stated that in December 2025, unemployment rates for the four-county region ranged from 4% to 5.1%, which continues to show an increase compared to past numbers. The state unemployment rate is currently 4.4%.

Ms. Iovieno further reported that the most recent Lightcast reports were included as a link in the email sent to Board members and can also be found on the Michigan Works! Southwest website. Currently, no significant changes are posted. The top four occupations remain within the healthcare sector. There are 261 unique job postings in the MWSW area, which is below the average of 300.

Ms. Iovieno also reported that the Going PRO Talent Fund section of the dashboard now reflects FY26 Cycle 1, with awards announced in mid-December. The other two sections pertain to FY25 figures, which are still in progress. It is important to note that GPTF's budget has been significantly reduced, resulting in approximately \$29 million being available statewide, compared to \$55 million in previous years.

Additionally, Ms. Iovieno reported that the Michigan Works! Association is organizing an AI Summit titled "AI at Work" scheduled for April 28th and 29th at the MotorCity Casino Hotel in Detroit. Registration for this event is now open and encourages the participation of employers. Two sessions are scheduled that will feature small to mid-size businesses showcasing how they are using AI. National Apprenticeship Week this year will be April 26th through May 2nd, and plans for that week are underway.

Ms. Iovieno reported that Shiloh Industries, also known as Grouper Acquisition Company, recently announced a significant layoff impacting 160 positions, scheduled for March 31st. This unfortunate news was anticipated, and MWSW has been actively working with the company to avert layoffs. Positively, the company has expressed a willingness to cooperate, and MWSW will advocate for a job fair prior to the closure. This company is located in Galesburg, Michigan.

Operations

Amy Meyers reported that the state has released the updated four-year Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) state plan for public comment as part of its required two-year modification cycle. This update will prompt revisions to the Region 8 regional plan and the local four-county plan. The updated regional and local plans are expected to be presented to the board for review in late spring or early summer.

Ms. Meyers further reported that the unemployment insurance system, MIWAM, is currently undergoing a planned outage while updates are made to transition to a new system called MIUI. Employer-side updates are expected to launch on February 23rd, with customer-side updates scheduled for later this summer. Staff have been assisting job seekers during the transition due to increased foot traffic at service centers.

Additionally, Ms. Meyers reported that changes related to merit-based staffing requirements for Wagner-Peyser services have been delayed. Although the requirement was scheduled to take effect in January 2026, implementation has now been extended to January 2027 while federal guidance finalizes. Service delivery at Michigan Works! Service Centers will remain unchanged in the meantime.

Ms. Meyers further reported that Michigan Works! Southwest continues to expand services beyond its main offices by hosting office hours with community partners. Current locations include VOCES, Liberty Commons, The Northside Association for Community Development (NACD), the Douglas Community Association, and the Kalamazoo Defender, allowing residents to access employment and career services directly within their communities.

Lastly, Ms. Meyers reported that the dashboard included in the agenda packet contains highlights such as a youth Talent Tour with the Battle Creek Police Department and increased participation in the Food Assistance Employment and Training (FAE&T) program. The growth in recent months shows that over 160 individuals have been served, which follows the end of a state waiver that previously made the program voluntary.

Directors Report

Ms. Bungart-Bibb reported that Congress passed a funding package at the end of January, allowing workforce programs to avoid operating under a continuing resolution. Funding will remain largely level through September, with only a small reduction in WIOA funding despite earlier concerns about significant cuts.

Ms. Bungart-Bibb reported that staff attended the National Skills Summit in Washington DC, where workforce leaders met with members of Congress to discuss workforce priorities and share program successes. While there is bipartisan interest in supporting workforce development, congressional members indicated that full WIOA reauthorization is unlikely this year, meaning programs will continue operating under current rules.

Ms. Bungart-Bibb shared that Senator Gary Peters recently reintroduced the Lifelong Learning Act, a bipartisan bill that would increase flexibility and funding caps for workforce boards to invest more in training programs that address local talent shortages. The bill is currently in the early stages of the Senate committee process.

Ms. Bungart-Bibb also reported that the Governor's proposed FY2027 budget includes \$30 million in ongoing funding to support Medicaid and SNAP work requirements. Of that amount, \$25 million would support Michigan Works! agencies in providing job search, training, and placement services, and \$5 million would support Registered Apprenticeship Programs.

In conclusion, Ms. Bungart-Bibb shared that the Legislative priority documents will be shared with board members as part of the annual budget and advocacy season. The upcoming Advocacy Day in Lansing on March 11 will focus on promoting Michigan Works! programs and advocating for continued workforce funding. Board members were invited to participate.

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC TIME

Eric Pschigoda from Glen Oaks Community College introduced himself and mentioned his role in the Workforce Development Office. He highlighted the upcoming launch of short-term training programs, including CDLA, and expressed gratitude for the support he has received since joining. The conversation also touched on the implementation of short-term health training opportunities set for July 2026, with funding being announced for community colleges to assist in this effort.

MEMBERS' TIME

Jose Orozco thanked the MWSW team in Battle Creek for their efforts in assisting community members who

are facing challenges in securing employment and making connections. They have begun to address these issues and are currently focusing on soft skills; he believes they are heading in the right direction.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Full Workforce Development Board – Thursday, May 21, 2026 (9:00-10:30 am)
At a location in Branch County
- Executive Committee – Thursday, April 16, 2026 (9:00-10:30 am)
At the Michigan Works! Service Center, 1601 S. Burdick Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49001
- Career and Educational Advisory Council (CEAC) – Monday, March 16, 2026 (1:00-3:00 pm)
At the Upjohn Institute, 300 S. Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007
- Disability Awareness Resource Team (DART) – Tuesday, March 12, 2026 (2:00-4:00 pm)
At the Upjohn Institute, 300 S. Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional reports or business for the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m. by Brian O'Donnell.

Debbie Horn Date

Brian O'Donnell Date

APPROVED

These minutes were approved on _____

**Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 General Fund/General Purpose (GF/GP) Funding for
 the Young Professionals Plus (YPP) 2026 Initiative
 PI: 26-04**

Background

The Young Professionals Plus (YPP) Initiative supports MWAs to strive for continuous improvement of young adult programming, in alignment with Michigan's Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity Workforce Development's focus on providing valuable work experience to individuals between the ages of 14 and 24 years old. Michigan Works! Southwest has been awarded General Fund/General Purpose funding to implement the YPP Initiative, from March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027, increasing career awareness and preparation while reducing youth unemployment.

Eligibility

Individuals served with this funding must be between the ages of 14-24 years old and do not need to be eligible for the WIOA Youth, Adult, or Dislocated Worker (DW) program(s). Individuals who are Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) should be prioritized to be served with this funding; however, use of these funds is not limited to this population.

Activities

Activities that support career exploration and preparedness may be funded under the initiative. It is permissible to provide services in a virtual capacity, when necessary. Although not an exhaustive list, allowable expenditures with funding awarded include the following:

- Wages/stipends paid for participation in work experience/career exploration activities.
- Staff time working to identify and develop a work experience opportunity, including staff time spent working with employers to identify, develop, and evaluate the work experience.
- Staff time working with employers to ensure a successful work experience, including staff time spent managing, and evaluating the work experience.
- Participant work experience and/or related activities orientation sessions.
- Employer work experience orientation sessions.
- Classroom training or the required academic education component directly related to the work experience.
- Incentive payments tied to the completion of work experience or classroom training.
- Employability skills/job readiness training to prepare youth for work experience.
- Supportive services.
- Volunteer and/or community service.

Funding

Total Allocation	\$63,946
Admin	\$6,394
Program	\$57,552

Going PRO Talent Fund (Talent Fund) Program Administration
Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Cycle 1, the Period of January 01, 2026 through September 30, 2027
PI: 26-05

Background

The Going PRO Talent Fund FY 2026 Cycle 1 provides individuals with employment, industry recognized credentials, and strong wages through competitive awards to employers to assist in training, developing, and retaining new and current employees. The Talent Fund helps to ensure Michigan's workers have the skills they need for in-demand jobs and employers have the talent they need to compete and grow. Talent Fund-supported training expands and improves employees' skills and develops their opportunities for growth or promotion within the company and for economic advancement.

Training

Training funded by the Talent Fund FY 2026 Cycle 1 must fill a demonstrated talent need experienced by an eligible participating employer. Training must lead to a credential for a skill that is transferable and recognized by the industry. Allowable training includes:

- Classroom or customized training for new and current employees
- On-the-job training for new employees
- Apprenticeships for first-year United States Department of Labor (USDOL) Registered Apprentices (new and current employees)

Funding

MWAs receive an award of Talent Fund funding based on the total number of company applications approved for funding.

Funding Summary

Funding Levels

Total Allocation	\$809,381.00
Award Amount	\$749,426.00
Administration	\$59,955.00

Source: PI: 26-05, 5/05/2026

**Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Workforce and Employer Expansion: Sector Strategies and Related Activities for
 the Period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026**

PI: 26-06

Background

Funding distributed through the Employer Expansion: Sector Strategies policy will support strengthening Employer-Led Collaboratives (ELCs) and sector strategies in Advanced Manufacturing, Construction, Energy, and Healthcare. ELCs unite multiple employers within an industry to identify shared talent needs and deliver collaborative training solutions. This approach helps employers reduce costs and close talent gaps more effectively. It also enables them to partner with education organizations to design programs that directly reflect workforce demands. The initiative also provides supportive services that remove employment barriers and help more individuals succeed.

Activities

Michigan Works! Southwest Business Solutions Team (BST) will use this funding to strengthen ELC outreach, assess industry-specific talent needs, and coordinate both short- and long-term workforce solutions across key sectors. The MWSW BST will work directly with ELCs to identify training opportunities, convene partners, and connect workers to in demand programs leading to industry-recognized credentials.

Sector Strategies funding may also be used to address barriers to training completion through targeted supportive services, ensuring broader worker participation and stronger alignment with employer skill requirements.

Funding

Total Allocation	\$116,655
Program Amount	\$106,050
Administration	\$10,605

Source: PI: 26-06, 4/28/2026

**Instructions for Executing Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs)
 Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
 Policy Issuance: 26-08**

Background

The WIOA requires local Workforce Development Boards (WDBs), with the agreement of the Chief Elected Official (CEO), to develop and execute MOUs with one-stop partners concerning the operation of the one-stop delivery system in the local service delivery area. All MOUs must adhere to the provisions outlined by the WIOA at Section 121(c) and the WIOA Final Regulations at 678.500 thru 678.510 and be reviewed and renewed at least once every three years.

Content of the MOU

As outlined in the WIOA Section 121(c)(2) and in the USDOL TEGL 16-16 and subsequent change(s), each executed MOU must include a description of the following:

- service provision and coordination,
- one-stop operating budget,
- referral strategies,
- inclusion strategies,
- other provisions, as determined to be appropriate for inclusion by the parties signing the MOU,
- duration of the agreement,
- procedure for amendment or assignment, and
- certification

In addition, the infrastructure funding agreement (IFA) is included in the MOU, with the budget provided as an attachment.

Required Partners

Per the WIOA, an MOU must be executed between the local WDB and each of the required one-stop partners. Required partners are listed in Section 121(b)(1) of the WIOA. As such, at a minimum, MOUs must be developed and entered into with the following:

- Programs authorized under Title I of the WIOA (Adult, Dislocated Worker, Youth, Job Corps, Native American Programs, Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Programs, and YouthBuild)
- Programs authorized under the Wagner-Peyser Act, as amended (Employment Service)
- Programs providing adult education and literacy activities authorized under Title II of the WIOA (Adult Education and Literacy)
- Programs authorized under Title I of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, other than Section 112 or Part C (Vocational Rehabilitation)
- Programs providing activities authorized under Title V of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (Senior Community Service Employment)

- Career and technical education programs at the postsecondary level authorized under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Career and Technical Education)
- Programs providing activities authorized under Chapter 2 of Title II of the Trade Act of 1974 (Trade Adjustment Assistance)
- Programs providing activities authorized under Chapter 41 of Title 38, United States Code (Veterans)
- Programs providing employment and training activities carried out under the Community Services Block Grant Act
- Programs providing employment and training activities carried out by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) (Section 3)*
- Programs authorized under state unemployment compensation laws, in accordance with applicable federal law (Unemployment Insurance)
- Programs authorized under Section 212 of the Second Chance Act of 2007 (Reentry Employment Opportunities)
- Programs authorized under Part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
- Programs authorized under Section 6(d)(4) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 United States Code [U.S.C.] 2015(d)(4)), and work programs authorized under Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. Section 2015(o) (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training)

*MOUs for the HUD required partner are only required if there is a Jobs Plus program in the local area. All other HUD/Michigan State Housing Development Authority MOUs will be considered additional partner MOUs. If a local WDB chooses to add any additional one-stop partners, including those listed in Section 121(b)(2) of the WIOA, an MOU must be executed. Additional partner MOUs are subject to the same requirements as their mandated counterparts.

**Instructions for Executing Infrastructure Funding Agreements (IFAs)
Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014
PI: 17-12, change 2**

Background

The WIOA requires local boards, with the agreement of the Chief Elected Official, to develop and execute Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with One-Stop partners pertaining to the operation of the One-Stop delivery system in the local service delivery area.

In accordance with the WIOA, the MOUs must also include an Infrastructure Funding Agreement (IFA), which details how infrastructure costs for the One-Stop delivery system will be funded in the local area.

Definition

Infrastructure costs of a One-Stop are defined as non-personnel costs that are necessary for the general operation of the One-Stop center, including but not limited to facility costs, utilities and maintenance, equipment, and technology to facilitate access to the One-Stop center.

Each entity that carries out a program or activities in a local One-Stop must use a portion of the funds available for the program and activities to maintain the One-Stop delivery system, including payment of the infrastructure costs of One-Stop centers.

IFA Content

IFAs must include the following elements:

1. Duration
2. Infrastructure Costs Budget
3. One-Stop Partners
4. Modification and Review Process
5. Steps to Reach Consensus
6. Problem Resolution

**Appropriation Year (AY) 25 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Statewide Activities (SWA) Funding
 for the Young Professionals (YP) 2026 Initiative**

PI: 26-03

Background

Michigan Works! Southwest has received an allocation of WIOA statewide activities funding for the time period of March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027 to increase career awareness and preparation while reducing youth unemployment. This will be accomplished by introducing youth and young adults, ages 14 to 24, facing barriers to success in the labor market to the workforce while providing income to participants. Combined services will place participants on a path to gain necessary skills to achieve lifelong economic self-sufficiency.

Eligibility

All individuals served with this funding must be eligible for the WIOA Youth, Adult, or Dislocated Worker program, and they must be between the ages of 14 and 24 years old. Co-enrollment in the WIOA Youth program is not required.

Activities

Although not an exhaustive list, examples of allowable expenditures with Young Professional Initiative funding include:

- Wages/stipends paid for participation in a work experience and/or related activities orientation session
- Stipends paid for participation in career exploration or career preparedness activities.
- Participant work experience and/or related activities orientation sessions.
- Staff time working to identify and develop a work experience opportunity, including staff time spent working with employers to identify and develop the work experience.
- Staff time working with employers to ensure a successful work experience, including staff time spent managing the work experience.
- Volunteer and/or community service.
- Staff time spent evaluating the work experience.
- Employer work experience orientation sessions.
- Classroom training or the required academic education component directly related to the work experience.
- Incentive payments directly tied to the completion of work experience or classroom training for those enrolled as WIOA Youth.
- Employability skills/job readiness training to prepare youth for a work experience.
- Supportive services.

Funding

Total Allocation	\$214,544
Admin	\$21,454
Program	\$193,090



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DATE: May 21, 2026
TO: Workforce Development Board
FROM: Jakki Bungart-Bibb / Debbie Horn
SUBJECT: Workforce Development Board – Executive Committee Appointment

We are requesting WDB consideration and approval for the appointment of Alan Ives, Vice President, Technology and Operations, Kadant Johnson, LLC, as an Executive Committee member for the Workforce Development Board for Michigan Works! Southwest.

This appointment is for the balance of a two-year term that began October 1, 2025, and ends September 30, 2027.



DATE: May 21, 2026
TO: Workforce Development Board
FROM: Jakki Bungart-Bibb / Debbie Horn
SUBJECT: Career & Educational Advisory Council – Renewals and Appointments

We are requesting WDB consideration and approval for the renewal of the WDB Career and Educational Advisory Council (CEAC) for Michigan Works! Southwest for members whose terms expire on June 30, 2026.

The new term for the individuals listed below is for the two-year period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2028.

- **Bobby Beauchamp**, Dean of Workforce Development, Kellogg Community College
- **Dr. Mark Dunneback**, Associate Vice President for Workforce and Community Innovation, Instructional Dean, Kalamazoo Valley Community College
- **LaToy Green**, Public School Parent
- **Jerry Johnson**, Superintendent & Adult Education, Calhoun Intermediate School District
- **Rebecca Murphy**, CTE Academy Coach, Battle Creek Public Schools
- **Sue Quiter**, Math Consultant, Branch Area Career Center
- **Tammy Schiller**, Student Services Academic Consultant, Calhoun Area Career Center, Calhoun Intermediate School District

We are also requesting WDB consideration and approval for the appointment of **Kristine Stevens, Director of Workforce Development and Community Education, Glen Oaks Community College**, to the Career and Educational Advisory Council (CEAC) for Michigan Works! Southwest for the two-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2028.



Career & Educational Advisory Council Membership Roster

Initial Effective Date: July 1, 2026

MEMBERSHIP TERMS (from the Bylaws, Section 2: Appointments, Section 2.5)

- Appointments to the CEAC shall be staggered.
- Initial Appointments were April 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020 and April 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.
- Thereafter, all terms for appointments to the CEAC shall be for two-year terms beginning July 1 and ending on June 30 of the term's second year, so that they continue to be staggered.

CHAIR: Tim Staffen

VICE CHAIR: James Berry

TERM: July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028

Bobby Beauchamp, Dean of Workforce Development, Kellogg Community College

Dr. Mark Dunneback, Associate Vice President for Workforce and Community Innovation, Instructional Dean, Kalamazoo Valley Community College

LaToy Green, Public School Parent

Jerry Johnson, Superintendent & Adult Education, Calhoun Intermediate School District

Rebecca Murphy, CTE Academy Coach, Battle Creek Public Schools

Sue Quiter, Math Consultant, Branch Area Career Center

Tammy Schiller, Student Services Coordinator, Calhoun Area Career Center, Calhoun Intermediate School District

Kristine Stevens, Director of Workforce Development and Community Education, Glen Oaks Community College

TERM: July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027

James Berry, Director of Career Technical Education (CEPD 47), St. Joseph County Intermediate School District

James Callahan, Field Representative, MI Building Trades Council

Jonathon Current, Business Manager, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 131

Cindy Goss, CTE Compliance & Monitoring Coordinator, Kalamazoo RESA

Lori Henrickson, MiSTEM Network Regional Director, Southwest Michigan, Western Michigan University

Sarah Mansberger (Alternate for Cindy Goss), Executive Director of Career Connect Secondary Programs, Kalamazoo RESA

David Maurer, President, Humphrey Products Company

James Sertic, Owner, Sertic Consulting & Implementation

Dustin Scharer, Assistant Superintendent of CTE for Branch County, Branch Intermediate School District

Tim Staffen, Assistant Superintendent for Career & Technical Education, Calhoun Intermediate School District

Ken Willcutt, Piping Superintendent, Egan Company & Labor Representative, Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 357

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Business Solutions Summary Dashboard

May 2026



Business Solutions Services

Served 07/01/2025-4/30/2026

404 Employers Served
2,342 Services Provided

Employer Resource Network®

10/01/2025-4/30/2026

995 Services Delivered
494 Unique employees served
21 Total Employers

Going PRO Talent Fund FY2026 Cycle 1

12 companies awarded	\$706,955.54 awarded to companies	297 individuals to be trained	105 Planned apprentices	32 Anticipated new hires
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Going PRO Talent Fund FY2025 Cycle 2

5 companies awarded	\$164,251 awarded to companies	70 individuals to be trained	28 Planned apprentices	6 Anticipated new hires
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Going PRO Talent Fund FY2025 ELC

*Six (6) additional employers outside of Michigan Works! Southwest's four-county are were awarded GPTF funding.

9* companies awarded	\$365,210 awarded to companies	252 individuals to be trained	0 Planned apprentices	0 Anticipated new hires
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Service Summary Dashboard

May 2026

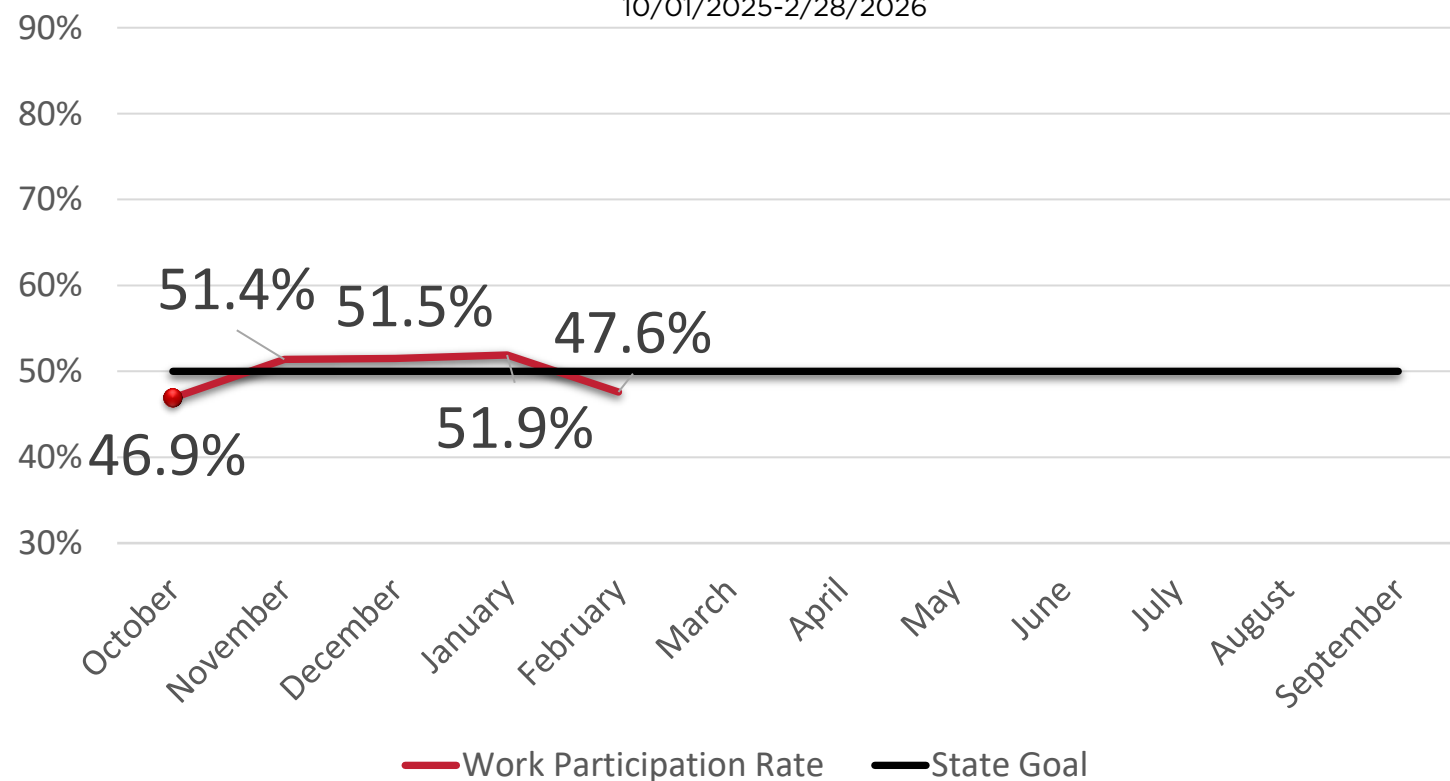


Partnership. Accountability. Training. Hope.

Served 10/01/2025-4/30/2026

694 Participants
45.4% Employment Rate
\$15.30 Average Wage

FY2026 Work Participation Rate **51.9%***
10/01/2025-2/28/2026



*Source: OSMIS QG163

Gain Employment. Maintain Support.

Served 10/01/2025-4/30/2026

124 Participants
52.4% Employment Rate
\$16.09 Average Wage

Food Assistance, Employment & Training

Served 10/01/2025-4/30/2026

310 Participants
11.3% Employment Rate
\$17.41 Average Wage

WIOA & Wagner-Peyser Performance Dashboard

May 2026



PY2025 QTR 4 (7/01/2025-6/30/2026); Data pulled 5/13/2026*

	WIOA ADULT		WIOA DISLOCATED WORKER		WIOA YOUTH		WAGNER-PEYSER	
	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual
Employment 2nd Quarter After Exit	88.6%	92.5%	88.0%	96.9%	79.0%	69.5%	70%	74.6%
Employment 4th Quarter After Exit	84.0%	93.7%	85.0%	94.8%	79.0%	70.8%	67%	74.0%
Median Earnings 2nd Quarter After Exit	\$8,500	\$8,697	\$9,100	\$11,658	\$4,600	\$3,249	\$8,000	\$8,948
Credential Attainment Rate	83.5%	88.7%	83.0%	81.3%	64.7%	53.1%	N/A	N/A
Measurable Skill Gains	66.0%	60.4%	67.6%	73.8%	48.7%	56.0%	N/A	N/A

*Errors have been identified with state-level wage data. DTMB is currently working to address these issues.