

## Directors Report

April 18, 2024

### State Workforce Plan

Governor Whitmer announced the [Michigan Statewide Workforce Plan](#) which lays out a vision to create jobs, support workers and employers.

The plan includes three core pillars with corresponding goals and strategies that will help the state address workforce challenges.

- Help more Michigan residents earn a skills certificate or degree.
- Increase access to opportunities that grow the middle class.
- Support business and entrepreneurial growth and talent solutions.

Susan Corbin, Director of Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) will attend the May Workforce Development Board meeting to discuss the plan and how it ties into our local efforts.

### State Budget

The budget season in Lansing is ramping up with anticipated budget recommendations from subcommittees over the next couple of weeks. With that in mind, MW! directors and the Association continue to reach out to our elected officials to reiterate our state legislative priorities.

- \$20 million dollar increase for the Going Pro Talent Fund.
- Sustainable, long-term funding to maintain the Barrier Removal Employment Success (BRES) program.
- \$10 million in funding to enhance and expand youth career exploration and awareness activities.

### WIOA Reauthorization

On April 9, 2024, the House passed H.R. 6655, A Stronger Workforce for America Act. The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration. If enacted, the WIOA reauthorization would fund the workforce development system through 2030. The reauthorization aims to make improvements to WIOA to help close the national skills gap, provide more accountability in the system, and help U.S. workers obtain high-quality, well-paying jobs.

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