JMG and Michigan Works! Southwest

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About Youth Solutions

PURPOSE
To inspire and connect youth to achieve a future beyond imagination

VISION
Every young person is educated, employed and career bound

MISSION
Equip young people with the skills to overcome barriers and succeed in education, employment and in life
Jobs for Michigan’s Graduates (JMG)

Our premier program, JMG guides adolescents and young adults, helping them gain the skills for success in school, employment and beyond.

90%

GRADUATION RATE
10+ Years Running

an affiliate of the national Jobs for America’s Graduates network
Our History

2008 Michigan Works! BCVB started JMG, becoming the state-based affiliate of JAG National (JAG-Michigan) at Benton Harbor High School

2011/12 JMG expanded into 4 new MW! Regions - the first JMG affiliates

2015 6 more MW! become JMG affiliates

2017 Youth Solutions, Inc. is launched

2020 Youth Solutions adopts 5 year strategic plan.

2022 MW!WC becomes the 15th MW! partner
We partner with Michigan Works! agencies across the state to teach our youth critical skills needed for future success.

Serving 4,325 JMG Youth in 2022-2023
Core Components

- Adult mentorship, trauma-informed care, and barrier removal
- Instruction in work-readiness skills, soft skills, and academic remediation
- Youth-centered, demand-informed approach to career development
- 12 Months of Follow-Up Services after graduation or GED attainment
Network Leadership Support and Collaboration

• Accredited by JAG National - Model Programming and Curriculum
• JMG Network: Convening of Youth Serving Program Staff
• Collaborative Partnership
• Funding Support
Together We Can Inspire and Connect Youth to Achieve a Future Beyond Imagination!