

2025 Federal Legislative Priorities

- \$** Workforce development programs like **WIOA** deliver a **\$15 return** on every **\$1 invested**, proving their powerful impact.
- ↘** Despite rising employer demand for skilled workers, **workforce funding** has been cut by nearly **50%** over the past two decades.
- !** Investing in **WIOA**, **TAA**, and **TANF** will strengthen economic mobility, create career pathways, and build a competitive workforce for Michigan and the nation.

WIOA

The **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)** strengthens Michigan's workforce by connecting businesses with talent. Robust funding empowers collaboration, builds strong partnerships, and drives economic growth. Without support, our communities and opportunities will weaken. We urge Congress to boost funding or explore innovative solutions that expand apprenticeships, enhance training, and maintain local control.

TAA

Since **Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)** expired, over 5,000 displaced Michigan workers have been left without critical support. We urge Congress to reinstate benefits, broaden eligibility to empower workers impacted by supply chain challenges, and collaborate with businesses to invest in workforce upskilling—ensuring Michigan workers remain competitive in a powerful and evolving global market.

TANF

To support self-sufficiency through **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)**, we urge Congress to expand training, enhance childcare and transportation support, and boost employer partnerships. Empowering individuals with the right skills fosters independence, strengthens community bonds, and builds economic resilience. Collaboration with businesses and service providers will create powerful, lasting change for families and the broader economy.

CONGRESSIONAL ACTION NEEDED

- ✓ Support **WIOA** to provide job seekers and businesses with critical workforce services.
- ✓ Revitalize **TAA** to support workers impacted by trade disruptions.
- ✓ Strengthen **TANF** to create sustainable career pathways for individuals and families.



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Setting the Standard in Workforce Development

Why it WORKS! We are a locally controlled, demand-driven, and adaptable workforce development system that drives economic growth and strengthens communities. Every year, our services reach nearly **ONE MILLION** business and community members.

Michigan is the standard.

Local Control

Private sector-led Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) drive economic growth by aligning workforce training with industry needs, fostering employer-educator partnerships, and offering a streamlined, community-wide hub for workforce development funding—maximizing efficiency and reducing duplication.



Comprehensive Services

With a statewide presence, Michigan Works! Service Centers provide accessible services to employers and job seekers in every corner of Michigan. Core services include job and career information, training, and access to job banks. Local communities benefit from tailored supplemental services to meet regional needs.



Economic Development Partner

Business leaders on local boards define the strategic vision of the system and promote its value. Michigan Works! also facilitates business involvement in educational reform.



Adaptable System

Michigan Works! continuously adapts to the changing economic climate and local needs. It also operates under a stringent conflict of interest policy.



Talent. Opportunity. Impact.

Supporting Business Growth: Connecting talent with opportunity to boost economic expansion.

Workforce Empowerment: Guiding individuals to meaningful careers and stronger communities.

Educational Advancement: Bridging business and education for a thriving talent pipeline.

KEY PARTNERS

Local Chambers of Commerce	Local Elected Officials	Community Colleges & Educational Institutions	Community Organizations	State and Federal Government Agencies	Labor Partners
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