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REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

119,612
Total Job Postings

4,819
Employers

$20.98/hr.
Median Advertised Salary

Occupation (SOC)	Unique Postings (Jul. 2025 - Jul. 2026)
Registered Nurses	2,995
Retail Salespersons	2,262
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	1,456
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	1,286
Home Health and Personal Care Aides	1,186
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	830
Food Service Managers	734
Customer Service Representatives	705
Stockers and Order Fillers	675
Merchandise Displayers and Window Trimmers	668
Fast Food and Counter Workers	662
Cashiers	626
Medical and Health Services Managers	624
Sales Representatives of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial Services, and Travel	616
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	614
Driver/Sales Workers	570
Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other	540
Nursing Assistants	528
Medical Assistants	519
General and Operations Managers	490
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	490
Food Preparation Workers	470
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	463
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	453
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	443
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	440
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary	421
Pharmacy Technicians	409
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	386
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	356
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	353
Production Workers, All Other	351

*Source: Lightcast Job Postings. Job postings are collected from various sources and processed/enriched to provide information such as standardized company name, occupation, skills, and geography.

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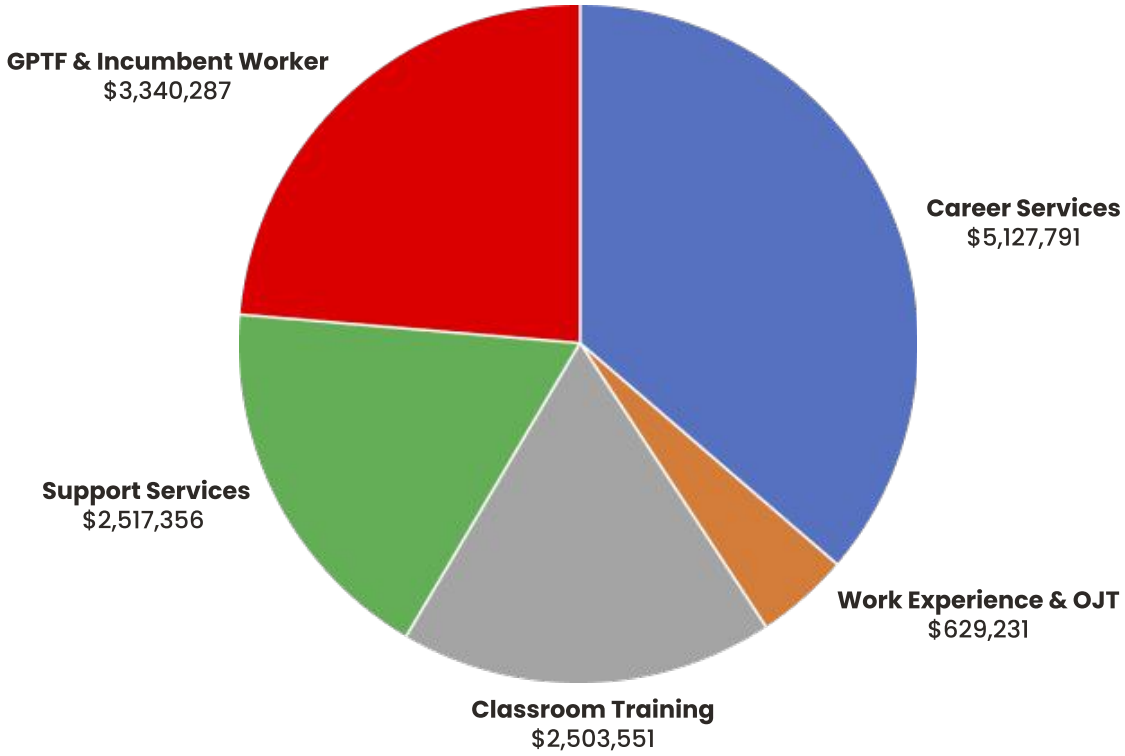
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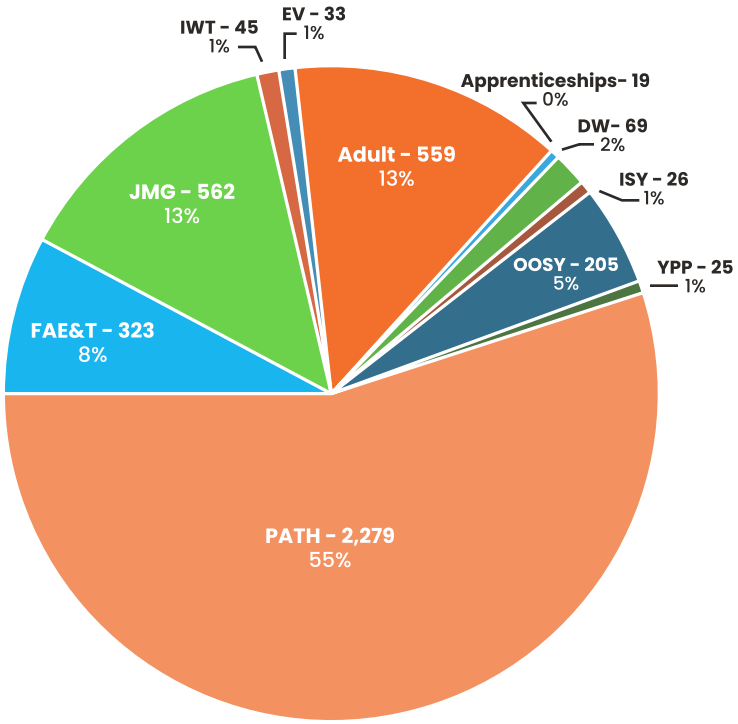
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July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026



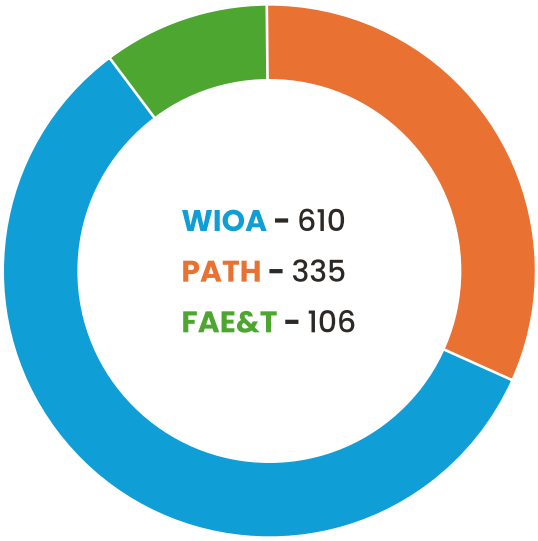
NEW ENROLLMENTS

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026



ENTERED TRAINING

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026



68.7% Exited to Training!

EMPLOYEE SUCCESS STORIES

SUPPORTING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CHANGE

Genesee Co. - Kennedy developed a strong interest in law enforcement after participating in the Lapeer County Sheriff's Department Explorers program. Designed for youth ages 14–21, the program offers hands-on training, career exploration, and community service opportunities. Through this experience, Kennedy gained exposure to key law enforcement practices, including building searches, traffic stops, and firearms safety.

Reflecting on her early experiences, Kennedy shared:

"While job shadowing in the jail before being hired, I was able to observe people withdrawing from various substances. Seeing the rehabilitation process with my own eyes made me appreciate the difference corrections deputies can make for so many people. These same people walk up and down the streets with our families. ***Everyone deserves the opportunity to recover and make the change for themselves."***

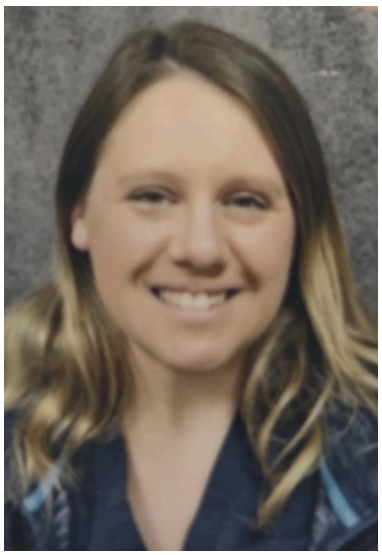
Kennedy began her career in Corrections in June 2025. Shortly after, her employer referred her to GST Michigan Works!, where she enrolled in the WIOA program. Through this program, she received supportive services that helped cover the cost of her uniform and essential tools needed for success.

In January 2026, Kennedy advanced her career by enrolling at Delta College to pursue her Corrections Officer Certificate. With GST Michigan Works! covering the cost of her training, she completed the program. Kennedy's dedication and hard work earned her top honors, as she graduated first in her class.

Kennedy's journey reflects her commitment to service, personal growth, and making a meaningful impact in her community. As she continues her career in corrections, she remains driven by a desire to support rehabilitation efforts and contribute to safer communities, demonstrating the lasting value of both hands-on experience and continued education.



DETERMINATION



Sanilac Co. - In January 2026, Kathryn lost her job as a community health worker. She applied for unemployment and came to GST Michigan Works! to register for work as required by the Unemployment Insurance Agency. When she arrived, she began telling the Career Coach more about her situation and previous work experience.

While talking with Kathryn, she shared that she had previously worked as a Medical Assistant and really enjoyed that line of work. However, Kathryn did not have her Clinical Medical Assistant certification, which is now required by most employers. The Career Coach explained that WIOA funding might be able to help with the cost of her training. With a little more conversation and paperwork, Kathryn was deemed eligible and approved to take Clinical Medical Assistant training at the Sanilac Career Center.

She began training in February 2026 with GST Michigan Works! funding her tuition. As she progressed with training, she began inquiring about possible job opportunities. She had applied to Aspire Thumb Pediatrics and was able to secure an interview! During her interview, she mentioned her previous Medical Assistant experience, as well as being enrolled in the training to get her Clinical Medical Assistant certification. They hired Kathryn on March 1st as a Medical Assistant. Upon completion of her certification on May 20th, she received a two-dollar-per-hour raise!

CORRECTIONS OFFICER AARON EARNS TOP ACADEMIC HONOR *AT GENESEE COUNTY CORRECTIONS ACADEMY*

Genesee Co. - Aaron is celebrating a significant career achievement after graduating from the Genesee County Corrections Academy in May 2026, earning the Top Academic Award. This award recognizes the highest academic performance in each graduating class.

Already serving as a Corrections Officer, Aaron attended the academy in April of 2026, with the support of the WIOA training fund, allowing him to further his education, strengthen his skills, and continue advancing his career in law enforcement.

For Aaron, the achievement is the continuation of a lifelong dream. Since his school days, he has known he wanted a career in law enforcement and has remained committed to serving his community.

His dedication, hard work, and commitment to professional growth were evident throughout the academy, where he distinguished himself among his peers. Graduating at the top of his class is a testament to the work ethic and determination he brings to his profession every day.

Aaron's success highlights how training assistance can help dedicated professionals build their skills and advance their careers while continuing to serve their communities.

FROM DETERMINATION TO A CAREER IN HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATION

Huron Co. - Meet Connor, an 18-year-old from Bad Axe with a strong work ethic and a big goal: to build a career in the Construction Industry.

Throughout high school, Connor's summer work experiences were in entry-level retail jobs. During the summer of 2024, he worked as a General Laborer for Irion Improvements in Elkton, Michigan. In that role, he assisted in the construction of multi-story buildings from start to finish, utilized heavy machinery, and demonstrated proficiency in carpentry, welding, and other construction techniques. Connor found his career path. In his senior year, he earned a certificate in Construction Trades/Power Tools from the Huron Area Technology Center in Bad Axe.

After graduating from Lakers High School in 2025, Connor had not found a job. Someone suggested he visit GST Michigan Works! in Bad Axe, so he came seeking employment assistance and training for a CDL-A. Connor was quickly determined eligible for three programs: WIOA, Young Professionals, and Jobs for Michigan's Graduates.

He worked with his Career Coach to create a resume and cover letter; potential job positions were identified; and after a successful interview with Bischer Landscaping, he was offered an entry-level, full-time job as a Yard Worker. This job was funded through the Young Professional grant, intended to provide young adults with the skills necessary to perform successfully on the job. Employers are incentivized to help youth build those skills while having their wages paid through the Young Professionals program for up to 12 weeks. Oftentimes, the young adults gain valuable experience within that first 12 weeks and are hired by the employer to remain on the job.

After his first two weeks, Connor was given a $1 per hour raise and received another raise six weeks later. By the end of the 12-week period, Connor was offered a permanent job at Bischer Landscaping. They supported his goal by giving him part-time work throughout the winter season while he worked toward obtaining his CDL-A.

During that time, Connor was enrolled at Thumb CDL, LLC where he developed safe driving skills, learned federal transportation regulations, and gained confidence behind the wheel of commercial vehicles. Committed to his goal, Connor earned his CDL-A in April 2026.

Today, Connor operates a heavy cement mixer truck for Bischer Ready Mix, Inc. He enjoys competitive wages, excellent benefits, and opportunities for overtime and career advancement. Most importantly, he takes pride in laying foundations in commercial and residential applications that serve his community.

He is also an active member of his community as a member of the Elkton Lion's Club and by volunteering for the Elkton Autumn Fest, Bad Axe Fair, and Huron Youth Camp. Reflecting on his journey, Connor realized the paid work experience and CDL-A training opened the first door, but his willingness to learn and hard work helped him walk through it. He never would have imagined the opportunities that would come from that decision



CELEBRATION OF A BRIGHT FUTURE



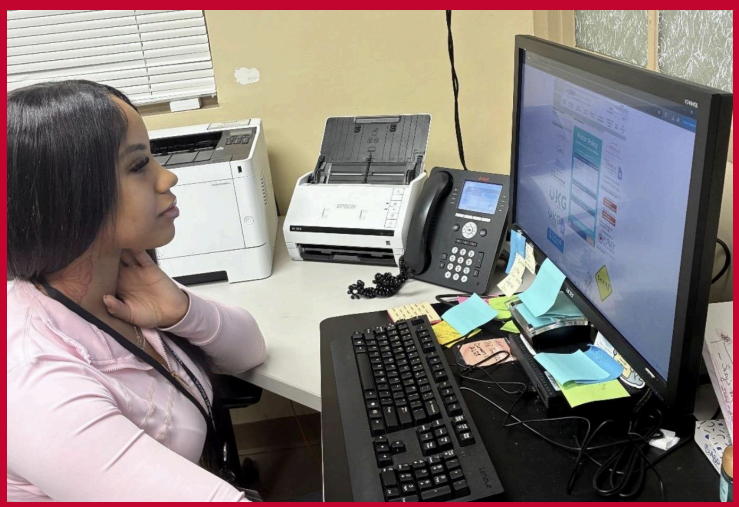
Genesee Co. - Briana came to GST Michigan Works! through the FAE&T program with no previous work experience. Preparation for employment was the top priority. As an Out of School Youth, Briana was eligible for WIOA and Jobs for Michigan's Graduates (JMG) programs, where she built essential career readiness skills and gained valuable hands-on workplace experience.

To help remove barriers and support her path toward employment, Briana received supportive services through these programs, including mileage assistance, auto repairs, and work-appropriate clothing. These resources helped ensure she had the transportation, reliability, and professional appearance needed to successfully participate in a paid work experience.

Through these programs, Briana completed two paid work experiences that helped her develop confidence, professionalism, and practical job skills. Her final placement was at Hurley Medical Center, where she quickly made a lasting impression on staff with her strong work ethic, positive attitude, and commitment to learning.

Recognizing her potential, the Volunteer Coordinator encouraged Briana to apply for several open positions within the hospital. That recommendation led to her being hired as a Court Clerk in the Behavioral Health Department—a career opportunity she had never considered before participating in the program.

Today, Briana is thriving in her role and is grateful for the opportunity that helped launch her career. Her journey highlights the power of paid work experience, career readiness training, supportive services, and personalized guidance in helping individuals overcome barriers, discover new career pathways, and achieve long-term employment success.



A Hurley Volunteer Coordinator shared,

"As we prepare Bri's final timesheet with us, I find myself reflecting on the incredible impact she has made on our organization. Bri is truly a shining example of dedication, kindness, and excellence. Her contributions have been nothing short of extraordinary, and her presence has uplifted us all. It's difficult to put into words how much we have valued her unwavering commitment and positive spirit. Though I feel a tinge of sadness knowing she will no longer be here to assist me directly, I am incredibly proud and inspired by her next chapter. Bri has earned her new role here at Hurley as the Court Clerk for Behavioral Health —a position that resonates with her passion and talent. It's a testament to her hard work, resilience, and the remarkable person she is. She has already left an indelible mark on us, and I am eager to see the wonderful things she will accomplish."

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Sanilac Co. - Maddy is a standout student and athlete from the Sanilac County area, known for her academic achievements, graduating high school with a 4.0, notable athletic participation, and recognized work in the Michigan agriculture industry. Her hard work paid off and earned her many scholarships towards her Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness Management at Michigan State University.

During the summer break of 2025, Maddy heard that GST Michigan Works! had scholarships for college students. She contacted the Sanilac Office to see if she was eligible; even though she did receive a fair number of other scholarships, she still had a balance due. Maddy met with Career Coach Cindy. They discussed her options, made a plan, and scheduled her sponsorship application. GST Michigan Works! was able to alleviate the financial pressure of the last two semesters of her bachelor's degree.

Since she participated in dual enrollment during high school, she completed her bachelor's degree in three years while maintaining a Dean's List status every semester. During summer breaks, she gained entry-level experience in the agriculture industry and even interned at the Michigan Agri-Business Association in the Public Policy division.

Maddy started her new job at Wilbur-Ellis Company, which provides agricultural services in Sanilac County, less than two weeks after completing her bachelor's degree. She is working full-time as a Field Scout until it is decided what position would be the best fit for her and Wilbur-Ellis. She is slightly sad that her formal education has concluded but is excited to start her career in agribusiness.



DOMINIC'S PATH TO A MANUFACTURING CAREER

Lapeer Co. - At 18 years old, Dominic knew he was interested in a career in manufacturing. He was originally working at McDonald's, making $15 per hour. Although he was not eligible for youth services, he qualified for Adult and GEM funding. When an exciting opportunity became available through the FANUC training program at Lapeer High School, Dominic was eager to take advantage of it.

Through the program, Dominic earned his FANUC Handling Tool Robotic Programming and Operations Certification, as well as his FANUC IRVision Certification. He quickly developed a passion for the coursework and greatly enjoyed learning from his instructor, Mr. Dayonte Grimes, whose knowledge and support helped him succeed.

With the skills and certifications he gained, and with assistance from Mr. Grimes, Dominic secured employment with 3 Dimensional in Lapeer, Michigan. Today, he is working in the manufacturing industry and has received a significant increase in pay from his previous position. Dominic's dedication, combined with specialized training and strong instructor support and mentoring, helped turn his interest in manufacturing into a successful career opportunity.

SERVING THOSE *WHO HAVE SERVED.*

Shiawassee Co. - After being unemployed since August 2025, Joseph, a veteran and older worker, found himself facing growing financial stress. As the months passed without a paycheck, everyday expenses became harder to manage, and the barriers to finding work continued to grow.

Joseph had been working closely with his Veterans' Career Advisor (VCA), who supported him throughout his job search and recognized that he could benefit from additional local resources. In April 2026, the VCA connected with a Career Coach at GST Michigan Works! (GST) in Owosso. Because Joseph lives in nearby Corunna, he was able to quickly begin working with the local team.

When Joseph met with his Career Coach, they discussed his career goals, the obstacles standing in his way, and enrolled him in the WIOA program. One of the biggest challenges was transportation. Without reliable transportation, expanding his job search was difficult. GST Michigan Works! stepped in to help Joseph purchase car insurance and later assisted with necessary vehicle repairs, ensuring he could safely travel to interviews and work. After Joseph secured employment, GST also provided mileage reimbursement during his first five weeks on the job, helping ease the financial burden as he transitioned back into the workforce.

Throughout the process, Joseph remained committed to his job search. He consistently followed the guidance and encouragement provided by his Veterans' Employment Services team and GST Michigan Works! staff. His determination, combined with the support he received, ultimately led to success.

On May 5, 2026, Joseph accepted a full-time position with AgroLiquid. Two months later, he is still thriving in his role.

Reflecting on his journey, Joseph shared,
"Thank you for all you and the staff did for me and my family throughout this tough time."



Joseph's story is a reminder that even during life's most difficult seasons, the right support, determination, and persistence can open the door to new opportunities. By working together, Veterans' Employment Services and GST Michigan Works! helped Joseph overcome significant barriers, regain financial stability, and move forward with confidence.

THE POWER OF PERSISTENCE

Genesee Co. - Sydney took an important step toward achieving her employment goals as a Job Corps student when she enrolled in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program through GST Michigan Works! Like many job seekers, Sydney understood that finding stable employment required persistence, commitment, and the willingness to embrace new opportunities. She was

determined to secure meaningful work that would allow her to gain valuable experience while working toward career growth and independence.

Throughout her participation in the program, Sydney demonstrated a positive attitude, dedication, and a strong desire to succeed. Working alongside her Career Coach, she received individualized guidance, career planning, and ongoing support to help her navigate the workforce and achieve her employment goals. On November 4, 2025, Sydney began a paid work experience at Hurley Medical Center, where she had the opportunity to gain hands-on experience, strengthen her workplace skills, and become familiar with a professional healthcare environment. Her paid work experience was extended three times, demonstrating her continued commitment, exceptional work ethic, and the confidence Hurley Medical Center had in her abilities. Each extension reflected the positive impression she made on her supervisors and her readiness for permanent employment.

With the support of the WIOA program and her Career Coach, Sydney successfully reached an important milestone in her career journey. On April 3, 2026, Sydney was officially hired at Hurley Medical Center as a Lobby Shop Associate. Throughout her journey, WIOA provided supportive services that helped remove barriers to employment and prepared her for long-term success. She received assistance with obtaining professional work attire, along with incentives that recognized her successful completion of her paid work experience and her achievement of securing permanent employment. These resources, combined with Sydney's determination, persistence, and exceptional work ethic, helped her successfully transition from a program participant to a valued member of the Hurley Medical Center team.

Sydney's accomplishments reflect her hard work, perseverance, and willingness to take the next step toward her future. She continues to build her skills and experience as she works toward long-term career success.

Sydney's advice to others: *"Growth doesn't happen overnight. Keep showing up, keep believing, and trust that every day moves you closer to your goals."*



A JOURNEY OF GROWTH, DETERMINATION, AND OPPORTUNITY

Lapeer Co. - Beginning her healthcare career in entry-level direct care roles, Gabrielle steadily advanced her skills and responsibilities through hard work, determination, and a commitment to serving others. She progressed to a Sterile Processing Technician role, gaining valuable technical expertise while supporting patient safety and surgical care. Motivated to continue growing professionally, she enrolled in a rigorous one-year Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program.

Throughout her training, GST Michigan Works! helped remove financial barriers by providing tuition assistance and mileage support. As graduation approached, Gabrielle faced one final challenge: the remaining tuition balance needed to complete the program. To ensure she could graduate on time, she decided to forgo her remaining mileage assistance and instead apply those funds toward her final tuition bill. That support allowed her to complete the program and earn her LPN credential.

Earning her LPN credential has been transformational, nearly tripling her income, expanding her career opportunities, and positioning her for continued personal and professional growth. She now works at a local healthcare facility, allowing her to advance her career while remaining close to her family and readily available to support both her loved ones and the community she serves.

WHEN ONE DOOR CLOSES...

Sanilac Co. - Melinda had been working at an automotive factory since September of 1998. She held different positions there over the past 28 years, including machine operator, relief operator, and janitor. In August of 2025, the factory announced that they would be shutting their doors in 2026. Panic flooded Melinda as she had worked there for so long that she didn't have any other credentials to find a new career. She didn't know what her future would hold since this factory had been her second home for so long. Melinda reached out to GST Michigan Works! for some direction and support. She met with a Career Coach and discussed some possible options.

Melinda decided she did not want to continue in the factory setting. Through talking with the Career Coach, they discovered she was eligible for WIOA funding and decided to take her future in a whole different direction. She wanted training to become a medical assistant. Melinda was full of fear and nervousness, but she knew this would be a turning point in her life.



Melinda contacted the Tuscola Technology Center and enrolled in the Clinical Medical Assistant program. GST Michigan Works! was able to pay for her tuition for the class. When classes started, she was extremely nervous to step out of her comfort zone, but excited to be starting a new chapter. During her training, Melinda needed shoes for her clinicals, and GST Michigan Works! was able to support that need. Melinda completed her training in January 2026. She had conquered her fears and obtained her certification!
Her job at the factory had come to an end in April. However, she was able to secure full-time employment as a Medical Assistant a week before she was laid off indefinitely. Melinda went from being uncertain about her future to completely changing her career path in just a few short months. When one door closes, another one opens, and GST Michigan Works! was there to help along the way.

CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY



Lapeer Co. - Dylan came into the Lapeer Service Center looking for a meaningful career where he could make a difference in the lives of others. Helping people had always been his passion, and with previous experience and knowledge in emergency response and EMT services, he knew this was the path he wanted to pursue. However, he needed the credentials necessary to move forward in his career journey.

From the beginning, Dylan stood out as a motivated, responsive, and engaged young adult. He consistently communicated well, followed through on commitments, and demonstrated a strong willingness to learn and grow. His positive attitude, professionalism, and dedication made him a pleasure to work with throughout his journey.

Motivated and eager to get started, Dylan enrolled in EMT training just one month after first connecting with our office. From the beginning, he knew he had found the right fit. Within two months, he completed the program and earned his EMT certification.

While Dylan discovered a strong passion for emergency medical services, his ultimate goal had always been to become a firefighter. Just one month after earning his certification, he secured a full-time position with Patriot Ambulance. He is currently serving as a volunteer firefighter at the Lapeer City Fire Department. He is preparing to begin Fire Academy in September, where he will continue building the skills and knowledge needed to serve his community.

Dylan remains committed to lifelong learning, professional growth, and advancing his career in emergency services. In the meantime, he is working full-time as an EMT, gaining valuable hands-on experience and expanding his expertise every day. His determination, strong work ethic, and passion for helping others have positioned him for a successful future in both EMS and firefighting. Dylan is an excellent example of how dedication, responsiveness, and perseverance can help a young person achieve their goals and make a positive impact in their community.

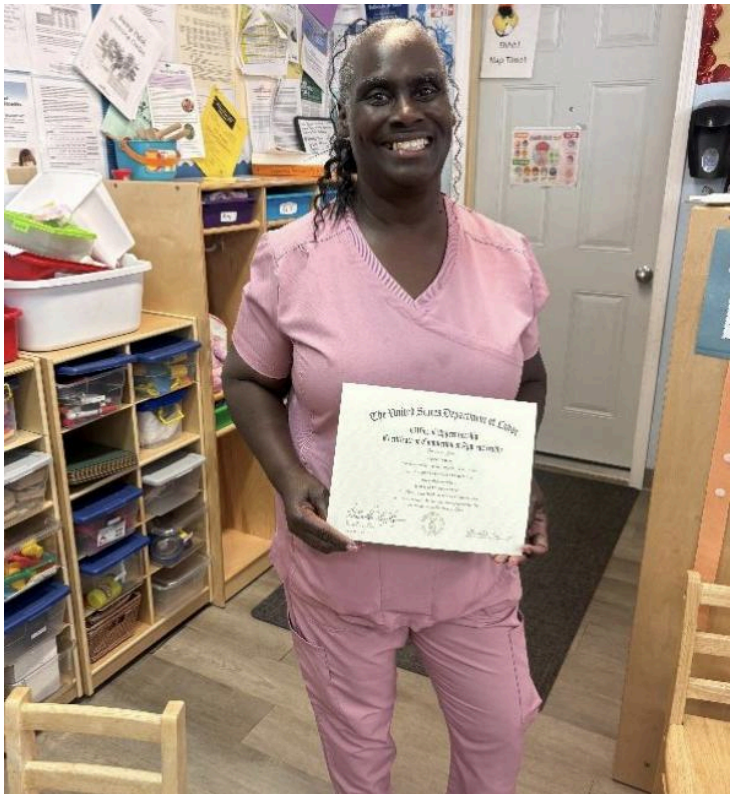


ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Genesee Co. - Angela completed the Child Development Specialist USDOL Registered Apprenticeship Program on May 19, 2026, marking a significant milestone in her professional journey. This achievement is supported by the vital partnership between GST Michigan Works! and Sunny Patch Learning Center, which not only provided crucial apprenticeship funding but also ensured that the program adhered to the high standards set by the USDOL.

GST Michigan Works! played an instrumental role by providing funding to assist Angela along her journey. This funding helped her acquire a laptop and various other supplies and expenses that were critical to her studies and helped ensure her successful completion.

Annette Hughes, the founder of Sunny Patch Learning Center, established the center with a mission to create a nurturing and supportive environment for children and childcare professionals alike. Her vision is centered on ensuring every child has access to quality education and care. ***"Every child deserves a secure and enriching space to grow, and we strive to empower those who care for them,"*** Annette shared.



Angela entered the apprenticeship program with a strong passion for making a difference in the lives of children. Throughout her time at Sunny Patch, she was guided by Annette's expertise and mentorship. That, coupled with the support of GST Michigan Works!, played a crucial role in her professional development. ***"Working with Annette has been a transformative experience for me," Angela stated. "I have gained not only the practical skills necessary for childcare but also the philosophy of kindness and compassion that is essential in this field."***

From the outset, GST Michigan Works! ensured the program adhered to USDOL standards, providing quality training that encompassed hands-on experiences in child development, safety protocols, and effective teaching practices tailored for preschool-aged children. Angela's enthusiasm and commitment were evident during her daily interactions with the children and their families. ***"I've learned how to create engaging learning experiences and develop meaningful relationships with those in my care,"*** she remarked.

Annette recognized Angela's hard work and dedication, stating, ***"Angela exemplifies the qualities we aim to foster in our apprentices. Her ability to connect with children and her commitment to their growth make her an asset to our community."*** Under Annette's guidance and supported by the framework provided by GST Michigan Works!, Angela flourished, gaining the confidence and skills that prepared her for a successful career in childcare.

As Angela completed the apprenticeship program, she felt empowered and excited to embark on her new career path. ***"I am eager to take what I've learned and contribute positively to the lives of children and families in our community,"*** she emphasized. Angela's journey through the apprenticeship not only prepares her for her future but also inspires others to pursue a career in early childhood education.

With the knowledge and experiences gained from the program, Angela is ready to inspire and nurture the next generation of learners, carrying forward Annette's mission of fostering safe and loving spaces for children to grow.

FROM SETBACK TO SUCCESS

Tuscola Co. - When William walked through the doors of GST Michigan Works! Tuscola Service Center in December 2025, he was facing a difficult transition. After losing his job, William was searching for more than just employment—he was looking for an opportunity to provide stability and a brighter future for his family of eight.

Throughout his career, William had always enjoyed helping others. Knowing that his strengths were centered around caring for people, he decided to pursue a career where he could make a meaningful difference. His goal was to become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and begin a new chapter in healthcare.

GST Michigan Works! Tuscola recognized William's determination and was proud to stand beside him throughout his journey. Through workforce development support, William received assistance with the costs of his training, work shoes, scrubs, and the encouragement and guidance needed to keep moving forward.

In January 2026, William began his CNA training at Davis Training Institute. With dedication, focus, and a strong commitment to his goals, William completed his training in just two weeks and earned his Certified Nursing Assistant certification.

William's hard work quickly paid off. Shortly after becoming certified, he accepted a full-time position with Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, where he is now building a rewarding career in healthcare while providing greater security for his family through steady employment and benefits.

GST Michigan Works! Tuscola is honored to have been part of William's journey and celebrates his accomplishments as he continues building a successful future for himself and his family.

PIVOTING TO HEALTHCARE

Sanilac Co. - Shylo has held a diverse range of positions. She's been a rural mail carrier, a cook, a cashier, a welder, and a press operator. She hoped to find a career where she could share the caring side of herself.

Through her research, she determined that she would thrive as a Clinical Medical Assistant. After researching and discussing with friends and family, she decided that Ross Medical Education Center in Port Huron was her best option. She enrolled in the upcoming class, filled out all the financial aid forms, and figured out how much she would need to pay out of pocket.

After attending her first class, Shylo heard that GST Michigan Works! helps students with tuition and sometimes transportation costs. She decided to visit the GST Michigan Works! office in Sandusky to see if she qualified for any type of assistance. After meeting with a Career Coach to discuss her situation, she learned she would need to act quickly, since she was already enrolled at Ross Medical Education Center. As it turns out, she had time to complete the application process that day and was determined eligible.

During her training, she struggled with her work hours and commute. She decided to take a temporary job that was closer to home until she could officially start her career.

Shylo made a great impression during her internship and was hired by the newly opened Aspire Rapid Care Clinic. She enjoys her Medical Assistant position and is thankful for the support she received from her Career Coach, Cindy, and tuition support from GST Michigan Works!

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Lapeer Co. - Angelina came to GST Michigan Works! seeking assistance in obtaining her Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) credential. At the time, she was working as a caregiver, but her employer was being sold to a new corporation. Without a CNA license, she would not be able to continue in her role. Determined to remain in the healthcare field and continue helping others, Angelina took the next step toward advancing her career.

Already pursuing a nursing degree, Angelina viewed earning her CNA credential as an opportunity to strengthen both her experience and knowledge while continuing her education. She completed her training through Sokol Healthcare Training and felt the training was good and prepared her for a new position as a CNA.

Angelina's hard work and dedication quickly paid off. After earning her credential, she was hired by a local Medical Care Facility, where she is now earning nearly $9 more per hour than when we first met. She is thriving in her new role and is proud of what she accomplished by earning her credential and advancing her career path.

Her instructors also recognized her potential. After Angelina completed training, one of the owners of Sokol Healthcare Training reached out and shared, *"Angelina is a very wonderful young lady. It was a pleasure to have her in class, and she should go much further in her career path. She should not stop at being a CNA."*

Stories like Angelina's are commonly seen by the staff at GST Michigan Works! Oftentimes, a potential job loss is the thing that forces someone to take that step forward that might not have happened otherwise... and changes their life for the better!



TURNING HARD TIMES INTO FULL TIME



Genesee Co. - When Rachel came to GST Michigan Works!, she was facing sudden job loss and uncertainty after more than 20 years in administrative roles. Determined to get back to work, she turned to the GST Michigan Works! services to guide her.

With support from her career coach, Rachel refined her resume and expanded her job search to new industries where her skills could be valuable. After applying for positions with organizations like Ascension Health, she quickly secured a job offer.

When upfront employment needs threatened to delay her start, WIOA supportive services stepped in—providing professional attire and essential resources so she could begin with confidence.

Rachel's journey is a testament to resilience, adaptability, and the impact of targeted support. Today, she is back to work and moving forward with renewed confidence in her future.

BUILDING A FUTURE, *ONE STEP AT A TIME*



Sanilac Co. - After earning his bachelor's degree, Logan found himself standing at a crossroads. He had always envisioned a career in law, but committing the time and financial investment required for law school was a significant decision. Before taking that next step, he wanted to gain firsthand experience to ensure it was the right path for him.

Through the GST Michigan Works! Young Professionals Program, he was given the opportunity to participate in a 12-week paid work experience with Main Law. What began as an opportunity to explore a career quickly became a life-changing experience.

Throughout the 12 weeks, he immersed himself in the day-to-day responsibilities of a law office, gaining valuable hands-on experience while learning directly from Attorney Heather Main. Each week brought new challenges, new knowledge, and greater confidence. As he observed the meaningful impact attorneys have on their clients and community, his uncertainty transformed into determination.

By the end of the program, he wasn't just considering law school—he was actively applying. The work experience provided the clarity, motivation, and confidence he needed to pursue his long-term career goals.

His journey with Main Law, however, did not end when the paid work experience concluded. Recognizing his dedication, work ethic, and potential, Attorney Heather Main invited him to remain with the firm as he navigates the law school application process. In doing so, she has become not only an employer, but also a mentor—offering encouragement, guidance, and a wealth of knowledge that will continue to shape his future.

Logan's journey is a great example of the impact that meaningful work-based learning and mentorship can have on a young professionals' career. Thanks to the support of the GST Michigan Works! Young Professionals Program and the commitment of community partners like Main Law, one young graduate has gained more than work experience—he has gained confidence, direction, and a strong foundation for a promising future in the legal profession.





THE RIGHT TIME FOR A NEW CAREER

Huron Co. - Before coming to GST Michigan Works!, Autumn had applied for a job that required proof of a high school diploma. When she contacted her high school in Florida to request a copy, she was surprised to learn that she had not actually earned a high school diploma. Instead, she had received a certificate of completion.

Although the news was discouraging, Autumn turned the setback into motivation. Wanting to set a positive example for her children and show them the importance of education, she decided to earn her GED. After meeting with Tammy from Family Literacy only a handful of times, Autumn successfully passed all the required tests and earned her GED.

Determined to continue building a better future, Autumn decided to return to the medical field. With assistance from GST Michigan Works!, she completed a WIOA application and enrolled in the online Clinical Medical Assistant program through Stepful. The online format allowed her to balance her education while caring for her children at home. Through a partnership between Stepful and Tuscola Technology Center, she completed her classroom instruction online and fulfilled her required externship hours through Tuscola Tech Center.

The journey wasn't without challenges, but Autumn remained determined and successfully completed the program on April 10, 2026. She went on to pass her NHA certification exam and began full-time employment with Aspire Rural Health/Hills & Dales Hospital on June 24, 2026.

Today, Autumn is earning $1.50 more per hour than she did in her previous position while working a Monday through Friday schedule. Her new career not only allows her to do work she enjoys but also gives her evenings and weekends to spend with her family, a goal that was just as important to her as advancing her career.

HANDS ON TO HIGH-TECH

Lapeer Co. - Matthew's journey began in November 2025 when he attended a re-employment (RESEA) session while collecting unemployment and learned about training opportunities available through GST Michigan Works! Drawing on his experience as a mechanical technician and a growing interest in information technology, he recognized an opportunity to expand his skills and position himself for new career possibilities. He enrolled in a short-term training program focused on building high-demand skills in the Information Technology (IT) sector through Global IT.

At first, Matthew was concerned that IT opportunities might be limited. However, he soon realized that combining his mechanical expertise with newly acquired technical skills would make him a strong candidate for hybrid roles that blend maintenance,

HURON COUNTY
CMA STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

Hi Tammy,

It is so wonderful to hear from you! I hope you've been doing well.

First, I just want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart. I truly don't think I would be where I am today without you, Marcie, and everyone at Michigan Works and the Family Literacy Center. The help and encouragement you gave me while I was working toward my GED completely changed my life. Earning my GED with your support gave me the confidence and opportunity to keep moving forward, and I will always be grateful for that.

After earning my GED, I went back to Michigan Works and was approved to complete my Medical Assistant certification through Stepful. I successfully completed the program, and I am now a Certified Medical Assistant.

I am currently employed at Aspire Rural Health System as a full-time Medical Assistant. I absolutely love what I do, and it feels amazing to have a career that I'm passionate about.

I honestly can't thank you, Marcie, Michigan Works, and the Family Literacy Center enough. You all believed in me and gave me the opportunity to build a better future for myself and my family. None of this would have been possible without your guidance, support, and encouragement, and I will always be thankful for everything you've done for me.

Please let Marcie know how grateful I am as well. I hope my story can encourage others to keep going because taking that first step truly changed my life.

Thank you again for everything!

Sincerely,

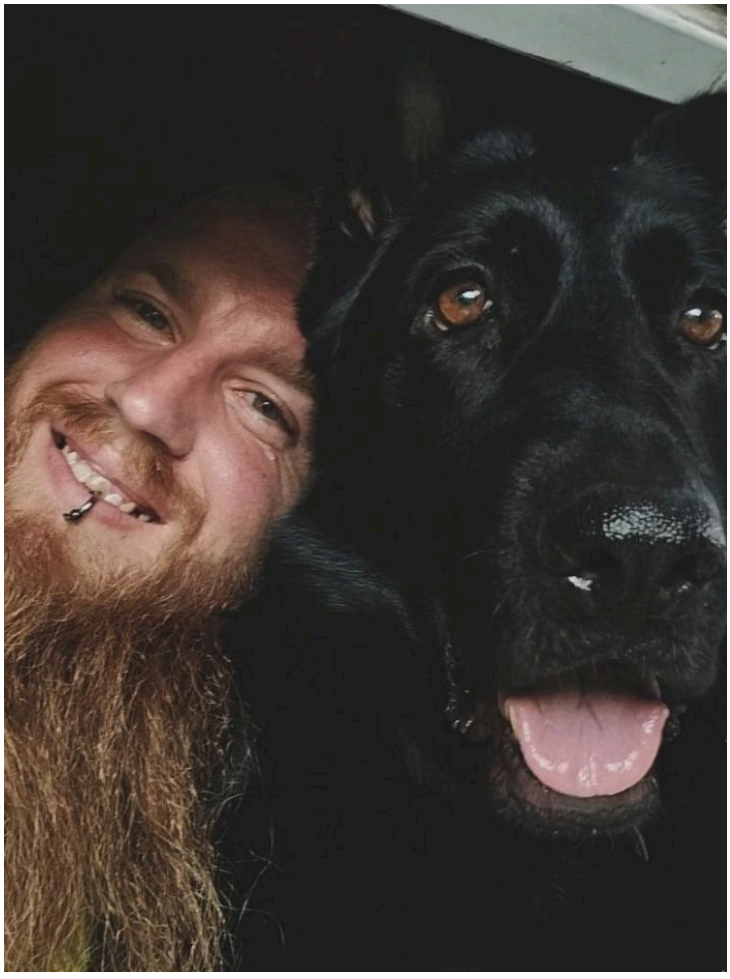
Autumn

troubleshooting, automation, and technology.

After successfully completing his IT Professional training, Matthew continued building on his momentum by pursuing a CISCO networking certification to strengthen his credentials and marketability further. His dedication and willingness to invest in his future have already paid dividends, helping him expand his skillset, take on greater leadership responsibilities, and increase his earning potential.

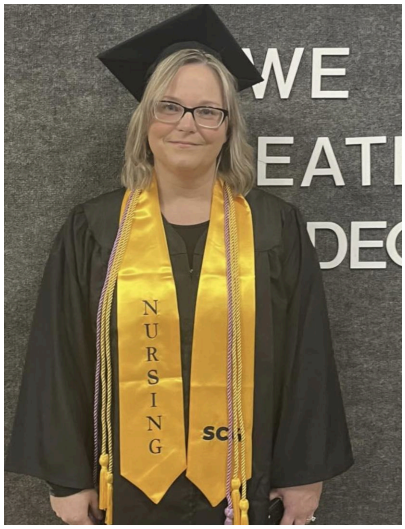
Reflecting on his experience, Matthew shared, ***"I never imagined walking into [GST] Michigan Works! would be such a benefit."***

What began as a single reemployment session became a launching point for meaningful career growth. With the support of GST Michigan Works! in Lapeer, targeted training, and grant-funded assistance, Matthew gained the tools, confidence, and qualifications needed to pursue new opportunities and build a stronger future for himself and his family.



ONE STEP *AT A TIME*

Sanilac Co. – In 2012, Terrie received tuition assistance from GST Michigan Works! to become a Certified Nurse Aide (CNA). Terrie has maintained her certification and has worked at Sanilac Medical Care Facility for ten years. She loves being a Certified Nurse Aide but wants to do more for her patients.



One day, Terrie just decided it was time to go for it! It was time to take the next step in her career and become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). She knew it would be a challenge to balance work and being a single parent to three sons, but it was time.

After researching the LPN program at St. Clair County Community College, she was excited to get started. She registered for classes and applied for all the available financial aid. Terrie quickly realized she would need more financial assistance. During her lunch break at work, she was talking to a coworker who was pursuing the same certification, and it was suggested that she check whether she would qualify for assistance through GST Michigan Works! She thought, ***"Why not?"***

She called the local office in Sandusky and requested a career coaching appointment to discuss her options. Terrie met with Career Coach Cindy, and they discussed her career plans and employment goals. Since she had already received financial assistance for her CNA, she needed to request assistance a second time. Because she was upskilling within the same career path, her request was approved.

Today, Terrie is a Licensed Practical Nurse. Her employer, Sanilac Medical Care Facility, moved her into one of their open LPN positions. Her wage increase was significant, making the time, hard work, and sacrifice worth it. In addition to the wage increase, she gets to make a difference in her patients' lives, offering compassion and care.

EMPOWERING THE FUTURE

Genesee Co. - Levi successfully completed a CNC Operator and Programmer apprenticeship program at Arch Cutting Tools in Flushing. This accomplishment marks a pivotal milestone in his career in the manufacturing industry and exemplifies his dedication to professional development and lifelong learning.

Throughout his apprenticeship, Levi gained essential practical and theoretical skills for CNC (Computer Numerical Control) operations. This training provided him with comprehensive expertise in configuring, programming, and operating CNC machines, enabling him to manufacture high-precision components for diverse industrial applications. He explored sophisticated machine methods and adeptly managed the intricacies of contemporary industrial processes.

A key contributor to Levi's success was his partnership with GST Michigan Works! whose support offered crucial resources, advice, and significant networking opportunities that enhanced his apprenticeship experience. The strategic alliance between Arch Cutting Tools and GST Michigan Works! fostered a conducive environment for Levi's development. Notably, through the USDOL registered apprenticeship program, Levi benefited from wage increases throughout his training. Additionally, GST Michigan Works! provided funding for classes, further enriching Levi's educational experience.

In reflecting on his journey, Levi stated,

"Finishing this apprenticeship has been a transformative experience for me. *The practical training and guidance I received enabled me to refine my skills and approach my profession with increased confidence. I am enthusiastic about my prospects in the manufacturing sector and the opportunities that await."*

John Carstensen, Senior Technical Advisor & Quoting Department Manager at Arch Cutting Tools, remarked on Levi's achievement, noting, ***"We are exceedingly proud of Levi and his accomplishments through the apprenticeship program. It is gratifying to observe our staff develop and capitalize on the opportunities we provide. The partnership with GST Michigan Works! enhances our capacity to cultivate proficient professionals in our sector."***

Upon completing his apprenticeship, Levi emerged as a competent CNC Operator and Programmer, ready to tackle new challenges in the manufacturing industry. His narrative underscores the significant impact of apprenticeship programs in nurturing the next generation of skilled laborers. With extensive knowledge and practical expertise, Levi is eager to explore the many opportunities that lie ahead in his career.



PATH TO STABILITY AND PURPOSE



Lapeer Co. - When Stephanie, a credentialed and experienced social services worker, returned to Michigan from Kentucky to care for her parents, she anticipated a smooth transition back into the workforce. With a strong passion for helping others, she was eager to reconnect with an agency where she could continue making a difference. However, after several months of searching without success, Stephanie turned to DHHS for additional support.

In September 2025, Stephanie enrolled in the PATH program, where she received critical financial assistance and employment services. With this support, she secured employment within just 45 days. The program not only helped her find a job but also provided the stability she needed during the early stages of reestablishing her career. She also benefited from assistance through GST Michigan Works! which helped cover essential vehicle maintenance and registration, removing key barriers to maintaining employment.

By October, Stephanie had secured a full-time position as a caseworker with the Valley Area Agency on Aging. While she was grateful for the opportunity, she recalled that catching up financially left little room for unexpected expenses. She shared, "I would definitely say all of the mileage reimbursements were so wonderful, but the biggest blessing was helping with the mechanic bills. They were unexpected and left me short on my other bills. This was such a blessing to be able to be reimbursed." Continued support during this time allowed her to remain focused, confident, and committed to both her professional goals and her family responsibilities.

Today, Stephanie continues her work with the Valley Area Agency on Aging, where she now supports others who are navigating challenges like those she once faced. Stephanie's story is proof that the right resources and support can help individuals overcome obstacles, achieve self-sufficiency, and give back to their communities.

TURNING A BARRIER INTO A BREAKTHROUGH

Tuscola Co. - David came to GST Michigan Works! as a participant in the PATH program. When he came in, he was determined to create a better future for himself and his family. Like many job seekers, he faced obstacles to employment, but one barrier stood above the rest: a felony conviction that made it difficult to find employers willing to give him a chance.

Right from the beginning, David developed the tools and confidence needed to move forward. Throughout his participation in the PATH program, he received assistance with job searching, resume development, mock interview practice, and identifying employers who were willing to hire individuals with felony backgrounds.

While searching for employment, David shared that one of his greatest challenges was finding businesses that were felony friendly. He took this as an opportunity to turn that barrier around and began the expungement process by completing the necessary paperwork and working through each step. Although he secured employment before his record was cleared, he remained committed to completing the process to expand his future career opportunities.

That determination paid off.

Following his hearing, David's felony record was successfully expunged. Today, he is successfully employed at a local business in Tuscola County and is focused on building a long-term career while working toward his dream of one day owning his own business.

Reflecting on his journey, David describes having his record cleared as *"the biggest accomplishment in the last ten years."* The impact extends beyond his career. *"With my record clean, I can now go on field trips with my kids,"* he shared, highlighting the personal significance of this milestone, as well.

> **When asked what advice he would give others considering expungement, his response was simple:**
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> *"Take time and have patience - put your mind to it, and get it taken care of."*

David's story is a great reminder that overcoming barriers takes perseverance, support, and opportunity. His obstacle became the foundation for a new beginning and opened doors to meaningful employment, greater opportunities, and a brighter future for both him and his family.

A STORY OF STRENGTH, HOPE, AND PAYING IT FORWARD

Shiawassee Co. - When Amber entered the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) PATH program in June 2025, she arrived with a strong work ethic, a positive attitude, and a determination to create a better future. From the very beginning, she embraced every opportunity, bringing professionalism, resilience, and a willingness to do whatever it took to move forward.

By July, Amber had successfully completed her Application Eligibility Period (AEP) and began participating in her required weekly job search activities. She approached the process with dedication, carefully documenting her efforts each week and remaining focused on her employment goals. Knowing that transportation costs could become a barrier, she reached out for mileage assistance. That support eased some of the financial stress and allowed her to continue concentrating on finding meaningful employment.

As Amber continued working with her Career Coach, they explored additional ways to meet her PATH participation requirements. Wanting to stay active while also making a difference, she chose to volunteer with MI Turning Point Thrift Store. What began as a way to fulfill program hours quickly became something much more. Through her daily volunteer work, Amber built meaningful relationships, strengthened her skills, and found purpose in serving others.

During this same time, life presented one of its greatest challenges. Amber and her son experienced homelessness.

Even while facing the uncertainty of not having stable housing, Amber refused to give up. She continued participating in PATH, showed up to her volunteer position each day, and kept working toward a better future. The staff at MI Turning Point became an important source of encouragement, providing resources and essential supplies to help Amber and her son through an incredibly difficult season.

As if housing instability wasn't enough, another obstacle arose when her vehicle registration and insurance came due. Reliable transportation was critical—not only for her participation in the program, but for caring for her son and accessing community resources. Through PATH supportive services, her Career Coach was able to help cover these expenses, removing another barrier and allowing Amber to keep moving forward.

Finding permanent housing proved to be another uphill battle. Amber worked tirelessly to secure funding for a security deposit and first month's rent. Despite facing multiple denials for assistance through MDHHS, she never stopped searching for solutions. Countless phone calls, research, and unwavering persistence eventually paid off. She refused to let setbacks define her future.

Along the way, Amber discovered that her own experiences had given her something invaluable—empathy, understanding, and a passion for helping others. She accepted a position with Hope Works Mid-Michigan as a Case Manager, where she now walks alongside individuals experiencing many of the same hardships she once faced, including homelessness. Her journey had come full circle. The challenges she endured became the very experiences that now allow her to connect with and advocate for others.

In March 2026, Amber reached out to her Career Coach with news that funding for her position might be ending. Rather than waiting to see what would happen, she immediately began exploring other employment opportunities. Her proactive approach reflected the confidence, adaptability, and resilience she had built throughout her journey. A few weeks later, she received welcome news—Hope Works Mid-Michigan asked her to remain on staff indefinitely, recognizing the value she brought to both the organization and the people she serves.

Then came one of the most meaningful milestones of all.

In April 2026, Amber shared with her Career Coach that she was officially no longer homeless and had secured stable housing. In her message, she expressed heartfelt gratitude for the guidance, encouragement, and support she had received throughout her PATH journey. She also shared how the knowledge and skills she gained continue to shape the way she serves others every day.

Her impact has been remarkable. At the time of her update, Amber had successfully helped many of the individuals she served secure housing, with additional successes expected as more completed the housing process.

Amber's story is more than a story of overcoming adversity. It is a story of resilience, perseverance, and the life-changing impact of support, opportunity, and believing that circumstances do not define a person's future. From experiencing homelessness herself to helping others find a place to call home, Amber has transformed her challenges into purpose.

Today, she is not only building a brighter future for herself and her son—she is helping countless others build theirs as well.

HOPE WORKS MID-MICHIGAN

BECAUSE EVERY STORY DESERVES HOPE

2026 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

This summer, Team JMG had the privilege of hosting ten incredible young adults, ages 18–24, through the 2026 Summer Young Professionals program. Each participant was dual-enrolled in Jobs for Michigan's Graduates and the WIOA Youth Program, giving them access to immersive career-readiness training, meaningful work experiences, and the supports needed to confidently step into the workforce.

Building Skills & Confidence

Over their first two weeks, youth spent time on-site with our team building foundational workplace skills. They completed the Workplace Excellence Series, exploring the importance of being dependable, communicating effectively, presenting professionally, staying adaptable, practicing positive thinking, and strengthening emotional intelligence. They also earned their CPR certification, and with support from the Talent Development Center, each youth created an updated resume highlighting their Young Professionals experience.

Our virtual reality technology added an exciting hands-on element to their learning. Through VR simulations, youth were able to step inside real work environments, try industry-specific tasks, and get an early look at the skills needed to thrive in their chosen fields. They also created vision boards to reflect their goals, dreams, and future pathways providing a powerful moment of sharing and connection for the group.

Community Partnerships & Work Experiences

Thanks to our wonderful partnership with Hurley Medical Center, six youth will be placed in 8-week paid work experiences across a variety of departments. Lydia Sanchez-Roat, Director of Volunteer Services & Project Leadership, met individually with each youth to learn about their interests and goals, ensuring placements that are both meaningful and aligned with their career aspirations. Roles include Urgent Care, Surgical Lounge, Information Technology, Lobby Shop, Hurley Garden, and the Food FARMacy.

Additional youth will be placed with GST Michigan Works!, The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, and Asbury Church, expanding their exposure to community-centered work and service.







JOBS *for* MICHIGAN'S GRADUATES
powered by youth solutions















Activities & Guest Speakers

Our summer was enriched by hands-on activities and inspiring guest speakers who poured into our youth:

The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan —Youth participated in a fast-paced work experience preparing food boxes for mobile community distribution, directly supporting families who need it most.

North End Soup Kitchen —Youth prepared snack bags and served lunch to community members, gaining firsthand experience in service and compassion.

Kayde Denny — ELGA Credit Union led an engaging session on credit scores, budgeting, financial planning, and the importance of saving.

Jennifer Keasler — The Crim Foundation introduced mindfulness practices and simple exercises to help youth stay present and manage stress.

Dante Jennings — Genesee Health Systems spoke about mental health and the importance of emotional regulation in everyday life.

Patrick McNeal — North Flint Neighborhood Action Council shared his inspiring journey of perseverance and encouraged youth to ask meaningful questions to their future selves.





EMPLOYER SUCCESS STORIES

ALLIED INDUSTRIAL GROUP

FY25 GOING PRO TALENT FUND BOOSTS SKILLED TRADES TRAINING



Genesee Co. - Allied Industrial Group (AIG), a family-owned leader in precision manufacturing, continues to demonstrate its commitment to building a highly skilled workforce. On December 4, 2024, the company was notified that it had been awarded support through the FY25 Going PRO Talent Fund, enabling significant investment in high-level skilled trades training tailored to the advanced manufacturing sector. From the earliest planning stages through reimbursement, GST Michigan Works! Business Solutions Professional Roy Reynolds guided and coached the team at Allied Industrial Group every step of the way. Roy's support ensured AIG's training plan aligned with the Going PRO Talent Fund program requirements and positioned AIG for success.

Allied Industrial Group successfully implemented several training courses from its approved training plan through the year 2025, and on March 5, 2026, received $14,454.00 in reimbursement for its completed training. In 2026, the benefits of that investment continue to strengthen productivity, quality, and safety across the organization.

The training funded through the program enhanced capabilities across multiple departments, supporting growth in skilled trades, quality systems, machining, administrative processes, leadership development, and advanced safety protocols. These ongoing improvements help Allied Industrial Group meet customer expectations and maintain a competitive edge in Michigan's Advanced Manufacturing sector.

> **"Our investment in people continues to pay off every day,"** said Andrew Auch, Quality Manager at Allied Industrial Group. **"The Going PRO Talent Fund allowed us to grow internal talent in ways that directly support our long-term success, and the guidance we received from GST Michigan Works! made the process seamless."**

As Allied Industrial Group moves through 2026, the company remains dedicated to expanding its capabilities and supporting employee advancement. The impact of the FY25 Going PRO Talent Fund, strengthened by the guidance from the team at GST Michigan Works!, continues to shape a stronger and more resilient workforce.

TGI DIRECT

INVESTING IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT *THROUGH THE GOING PRO TALENT FUND*

Genesee Co. - TGI Direct was awarded $18,000 through the FY25 Going PRO Talent Fund to support the training and development of its workforce. Through this investment, the company was able to utilize $10,000 to provide on-the-job training for five (5) new hires, equipping these new employees with the skills needed to succeed. This also allowed them to contribute to the company's continued growth within Genesee County.

TGI Direct's commitment to investing in its employees reflects its dedication to building a highly skilled workforce while creating opportunities for long-term employee success. By enhancing the knowledge and capabilities of new team members, the company is better positioned to meet customer needs and remain competitive in today's evolving marketplace.

GST Michigan Works! is proud to partner with TGI Direct in supporting its workforce development goals. Through resources such as the Going PRO Talent Fund, GST Michigan Works! works alongside local employers to identify training opportunities, strengthen talent pipelines, and invest in the continued growth of Michigan's workforce. This ongoing partnership demonstrates the value of collaboration between employers and workforce development organizations in creating lasting economic impact for both businesses and the communities they serve.





AMERICAN RHEINMETALL

INVESTING IN SKILLS TO STRENGTHEN THE FUTURE

Lapeer Co. - American Rheinmetall, a valued manufacturer in Lapeer County and a leader in the government defense industry, specializes in highly skilled machining and welding. As the company continues to grow, leadership recognized the importance of developing its workforce from within while ensuring experienced tradespeople continued to build specialized skills.

Like many manufacturers, Rheinmetall faced the challenge of moving entry-level employees into more advanced roles while providing ongoing training for its highly skilled workforce. Coordinating internal training at the right time and with the necessary expertise was often difficult, making external training opportunities an important part of the company's workforce development strategy.

With assistance from GST Michigan Works!, American Rheinmetall secured a Going PRO Talent Fund award that provided training opportunities for 52 of the company's 97 employees. Working with the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center (MMTC), employees completed Blueprint Reading and Core Tools training, strengthening technical knowledge and enhancing the skills needed to support quality manufacturing and continued operational success.

The investment produced measurable results. Employees gained valuable technical expertise that increased production capabilities and strengthened the company's ability to meet customer demands. The enhanced skills also prompted a company-wide wage review, resulting in wage increases for many employees and recognizing the value of their expanded knowledge and contributions.

By investing in workforce development, American Rheinmetall reinforced a culture of continuous improvement where employee growth and business success go hand in hand. The training strengthened individual capabilities, enhanced overall performance, and positioned the company to remain competitive in an industry where precision, quality, and skilled talent are essential.

CURBCO INC.

Genesee Co. - Curbco Inc. continues to demonstrate its commitment to workforce development and employee advancement through its strong partnership with GST Michigan Works! During FY25 Cycle 1, Curbco was awarded $16,200 through the Going PRO Talent Fund to support training and upskilling opportunities for its workforce.

Based in mid-Michigan, Curbco Inc. is a respected concrete contractor specializing in commercial and municipal concrete construction. The company has built a strong reputation for delivering high-quality infrastructure work while investing in the professional growth of its employees. Their leadership understands that a skilled workforce is essential to maintaining safety standards, increasing productivity, and supporting long-term business growth.

Through the Going PRO Talent Fund award, Curbco employees participated in industry-recognized training through the Michigan Concrete Association Contractor 101 and 201 courses, earning Continuing Education Hours (CEHs) and strengthening their technical knowledge of concrete construction practices. These trainings enhanced employee skill levels, supported career advancement pathways, and reinforced best practices across job sites.

This investment reflects Curbco's proactive approach to retaining talent and preparing employees for increased responsibility within the organization. By strengthening internal capacity, the company is better positioned to meet growing project demands across the region.

The collaboration between Curbco and GST Michigan Works! highlights the value of employer-driven training partnerships. GST Michigan Works! supported the company throughout the application process and helped align training opportunities with workforce needs—ensuring employees gained credentials that directly impact job performance and company success.

As a result of this partnership, Curbco continues to build a stronger, more competitive workforce while contributing to the economic vitality of the region. The Going PRO Talent Fund investment represents another step forward in Curbco's long-standing commitment to workforce excellence and community growth.





S&S FAMILY CHILDCARE CENTER

Huron Co. - S&S Family Childcare Center in Huron County has celebrated a significant milestone with the successful launch of its first apprenticeship program, which was officially registered with the U.S. Department of Labor on October 7, 2022. This program has not only benefited the center but has also paved the way for aspiring childcare professionals like Kelli.

Kelli, an apprentice in the Childcare Development Specialist program, has made remarkable strides in her career. She recently completed her apprenticeship on April 2, 2026, and her hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed. As a result of her exceptional performance, Kelli has been promoted to the position of Program Administrator (Director) at S&S Family Childcare Center.

Serrenna Sengstock, the owner of S&S Family Childcare Center, expressed her delight in Kelli's accomplishments. *"I truly enjoy working with Kelli. She has done such a great job throughout her apprenticeship and has shown incredible leadership,"* Serrenna stated. Her words highlight the impact that Kelli has made not only within the team but also in the lives of the children in their care.

A key partner in Kelli's success has been GST Michigan Works!, which provided crucial apprenticeship funding to support her journey. This funding helped cover the costs of essential tools and resources, including a laptop and accessories, a printer with ink, a headset, and various office supplies, all instrumental in facilitating her studies. Additionally, GST Michigan Works! contributed to her educational expenses by funding her books and assisting with car repairs. A total grant amounting to $6,059.00 was instrumental in ensuring that Kelli had the resources she needed to thrive throughout her apprenticeship.

Kelli's journey through the apprenticeship program included 300 hours of technically focused instruction from Mott Community College, where she worked towards obtaining her Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education. Alongside her coursework, Kelli completed a minimum of 4,000 hours of on-the-job training at S&S Family Childcare Center in Bad Axe, gaining invaluable hands-on experience.

Reflecting on her experience, Kelli said, **"Completing my apprenticeship has been a transformative journey. I am grateful for the support from Serrenna, my colleagues, and GST Michigan Works! This opportunity has not only helped me grow professionally but also allowed me to make a positive impact on the children and families we serve."**

Kelli's success story is a testament to the effectiveness of the apprenticeship model in developing qualified professionals in the early childhood education sector. S&S Family Childcare Center is proud to support such dedicated individuals and looks forward to seeing Kelli excel in her new role as Program Administrator (Director).

LAFONTAINE

INVESTING IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT *THROUGH THE GOING PRO TALENT FUND*



Genesee Co. - GST Michigan Works! is proud to recognize LaFontaine Automotive Group for its continued commitment to developing and investing in its workforce through the FY25 Going PRO Talent Fund Cycle 1 Award.

On April 30, 2026, Business Solutions Professional Roy Reynolds presented a reimbursement check for $194,246.25 to Ryan LaFontaine and the LaFontaine Automotive Group leadership team in recognition of the company's successful participation in the FY25 Going PRO Talent Fund Cycle 1 program.

The award reimbursed LaFontaine Automotive Group for eligible employee training conducted across 16 dealership locations throughout Michigan. Through the program, the company provided On-the-Job Training (OJT) for its Automotive Service Technician new hires, helping strengthen their technical skills while advancing their careers within the organization. In addition, Finance & Sales Managers completed Ally Financial F&I Manager Compliance Training, ensuring they remain knowledgeable in industry regulations, compliance requirements, and finance best practices.

The Going PRO Talent Fund allows Michigan employers to enhance employee skills, improve productivity, strengthen retention, and remain competitive by investing in workforce training. LaFontaine Automotive Group's commitment to continuous employee development reflects its dedication to delivering exceptional customer service while creating long-term career opportunities for its team members.

Throughout the process, Roy worked closely with LaFontaine Automotive Group to identify training needs, navigate the Going PRO Talent Fund application process, and successfully secure funding that supports the company's workforce development goals.

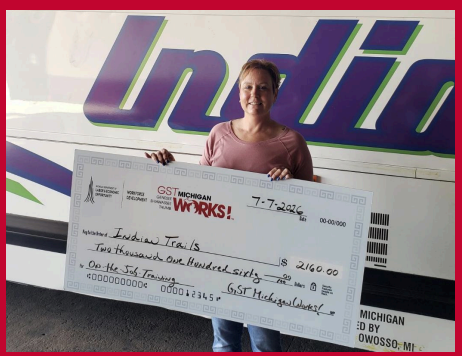
Jacqueline Leo, Human Resource Representative with LaFontaine Automotive Group, shared how meaningful the award was both personally and professionally after helping guide the application process from beginning to completion.



"The Going PRO Talent Fund allows us to continue investing in what matters most—our employees. By providing valuable training and development opportunities, we're helping our team build new skills, grow their careers, and strengthen our organization for the future. We are grateful to GST Michigan Works! for supporting workforce development and helping make these opportunities possible."

INDIAN TRAILS

LOCAL EMPLOYER NUMBER 1 IN MICHIGAN, *NUMBER 2 IN THE COUNTRY*



Shiawassee Co. - Indian Trails has been a thriving Motorcoach company in Owosso for over 116 years. By connecting over 100 towns in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, Indian Trails enables hundreds of thousands of residents to explore beyond Michigan and just as many to visit our state. Last year, the company recorded over one million passengers.

A large part of their success is having well-trained drivers who are not only safe but also very customer-oriented. Their self-developed training program helped set the standard for the Federal Highway Administration's "Model Curriculum for Motorcoach Drivers." In addition, Indian Trails was just voted second best in the country out of nearly 9,000 bus companies nationwide according to USA Today's "10 Best Readers' Choice Awards."

The drivers' training is extensive, covering many real-life scenarios to maintain the highest possible safety standards and on-time rates. Drivers spend many hours driving with a mentor before they can take routes of their own. Because Indian Trails invests so much in their drivers, they have a high retention rate and low turnover. Part of that investment is the WIOA On-the-Job-Training (OJT) program. This program allows the company to receive reimbursement for the initial training costs involved with training new drivers. Indian Trails received $2,160.00 to train one new driver who is now not only driving locally, but also extended routes.

Jennifer, Indian Trails Human Resource Manager, stated, ***"We are truly grateful for the On-the-Job Training funds. They have been a lifeline for our business, allowing us to grow and hire new drivers without the burden of excessive training costs."***

WALBRO

LEARNING, LEADING, AND DELIVERING RESULTS

Tuscola Co. - For more than 70 years, Walbro has been a leader in engine management and fuel systems, manufacturing complex assemblies for the automotive and sport/utility vehicle industries. With a long-standing presence in Michigan, the company continues to invest in one of its greatest strengths, its employees. By creating opportunities for workforce development, Walbro is committed to helping employees build new skills, advance their careers, and support the company's continued growth.

To further that commitment, Walbro partnered with GST Michigan Works! and successfully secured a $32,000 Going PRO Talent Fund (FY25 Cycle 2) award to support both incumbent worker training and on-the-job training for new employees.

The investment had an immediate impact across the organization. Eleven new employees were hired and trained through the On-the-Job Training program, while eleven current employees expanded their skills through specialized professional development opportunities. Leadership Foundations training prepared four employees to better understand their leadership styles, build confidence, and strengthen their effectiveness as emerging leaders. Two employees completed Green Belt training, enhancing their expertise in problem-solving, project leadership, data analysis, and lean manufacturing principles. An additional five employees completed FANUC training to develop the skills needed to operate and program industrial robots.

The benefits of the training extended well beyond the classroom. Walbro promoted two employees into new roles, strengthened internal career pathways, and developed in-house expertise that now allows the company to perform robot programming internally rather than relying on outside service providers. The result has been reduced costs, increased equipment uptime, and greater employee knowledge. The additional skills gained through the training also contributed to a three percent increase in press productivity.

Reflecting on the experience, Abbey Salcido, Human Resources, shared, **"We are so glad we had the opportunity to provide growth for each trainee. The training improved many different aspects of our business and allowed our employees to feel greater work satisfaction. Thank you, GST Michigan Works!"**



PERRY AREA FIRE RESCUE

FIRED UP!

Shiawassee Co. - Perry Area Fire Rescue is a part of the Southwest Shiawassee Emergency Services Alliance, which serves southern Shiawassee County. They respond 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to structural fires, medical calls, emergencies, and natural disasters. The operation employs over 40 full-time, part-time, and on-call first responders.

When this busy facility needed an Administrative Assistant, they reached out to GST Michigan Works! Owosso Service Center to help find the right person to fill the opening. Through job posting and employer-led searches, a suitable candidate was identified and hired. The new Administrative Assistant, Rita, worked

with a GST Michigan Works! Career Coach and received supportive services to assist her as she started her new career. GST Michigan Works! provided new work clothing, enabling Rita to get a head start on her new career without causing her financial strain.

Rita shared, ***"I really appreciated the assistance I received from GST Michigan Works! Their support helped me move from part-time to full-time employment with benefits. It was a great experience!"***

Since this work environment is very different from many other jobs, further training was needed to function in an emergency-focused business. Training included how to work with emergency runs, staff information, billing, and other specifics related to working in a fire department. Perry Area Fire Rescue received $2,600.00 in WIOA On-the-Job-Training (OJT) funds to help offset the cost of training their new hire in these areas. Being able to use these dollars reduced the burden of training costs to the non-profit organization.

> ***"Working with Chris from GST Michigan Works! has been a wonderful experience. The onboarding process was smooth, and we were excited to partner with a program that supports our new hires during their first 90 days of employment.***
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> *This program provides employees with an additional layer of support as they transition into their new roles, allowing them to focus on learning and succeeding while knowing they have someone outside of the workplace to turn to if needed. We appreciate GST Michigan Works! commitment to helping new employees build confidence and achieve long-term success,"*
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> **Teri –** HR & Administrative Services Coordinator, Perry Area Fire Rescue.



REGENCY PLASTICS

BUILDING SKILL, STRENGTHENING THE WORKFORCE

Huron Co. – Regency Plastics is a Technical Blow Molding Manufacturing facility, part of Gemini Group. Located in a rural area, the company has faced challenges finding qualified employees for some of its open positions. As a result, Regency focuses on training and promoting employees from within the facility to build a strong and capable workforce.

Through conversations with the Human Resource Generalist, Regency identified several areas where additional training would support employee growth and company success. Newer supervisors needed leadership training to ensure they had the skills to empower employees and increase retention. The company also identified employees who could expand their technical abilities by learning to operate and troubleshoot robotic equipment. In addition, there was a need for Quality Management Methods and Problem-Solving Methodology training.

After discussing these workforce needs, the Going Pro Talent Fund Grant was identified as a valuable opportunity to support employee development. Regency applied for and was awarded funding to provide targeted training opportunities for its employees.

Through the grant, six supervisors participated in leadership training focused on developing skills to

empower employees and create an environment where teams can thrive. Additional employees completed AIAG Core Tools and 8D Problem-Solving training to strengthen their quality and problem-solving skills. Two employees also completed Handling Tool Operations and Programming training to learn how to troubleshoot programs on FANUC robots.

Through these training opportunities, employees gained valuable knowledge and skills that will better position them for continued growth and advancement into higher-wage positions within the company. While it can be challenging to operate with a reduced workforce when employees are attending training, the skills they gain ultimately help make their jobs more efficient and effective.

MEMORIAL CHILDCARE ACADEMY

Shiawassee Co. **-** Since its establishment, Memorial Childcare Academy in Owosso, Michigan, has dedicated itself to supporting families in nurturing and educating their children. Under the leadership of Executive Director Adam Grass, the academy has made strides in enhancing its offerings, particularly through the launch of a new apprenticeship program for Childcare Development Specialists in partnership with GST Michigan Works!

Ariana, one of the dedicated apprentices, has recently completed her USDOL Registered apprenticeship program on April 9th, 2026. With this achievement, she is stepping into the position of Lead Teacher, ready to make a meaningful impact on the children and families in her community.

Adam Grass, Executive Director of Memorial Childcare Academy, praised Ariana's dedication and hard work, stating, ***"Ariana has shown exceptional commitment throughout her apprenticeship. Her promotion to Lead Teacher is a testament to her skills and passion for early childhood education. We are thrilled to have her leading our team as we continue to create a nurturing environment for our children."***

Ariana expressed her gratitude for the support she received throughout her journey. ***"Completing my apprenticeship has been an incredible experience. I am thankful to GST Michigan Works! for providing the funding that enabled me to obtain essential tools like my laptop and supplies, which were vital for my studies. I am excited to step into the role of Lead Teacher and contribute to fostering a love of learning in the children at Memorial Childcare Academy."***

Ariana's success not only showcases her individual achievement but also highlights the impact of the apprenticeship program in addressing the need for skilled childcare professionals at Memorial Childcare Academy. With mentorship, hands-on experience, and essential resources, Ariana is well-prepared to create an active and exploratory learning environment for her students.

This success story exemplifies the collaborative efforts between Memorial Childcare Academy, GST Michigan Works!, and dedicated individuals like Ariana, all of whom are committed to making a positive difference in the lives of children and families in Owosso and the surrounding areas.





JOSH'S FROGS

ON-THE-JOB TRAINING HELPS EVERYONE

Shiawassee Co. - Job titles like "Insect Packing Technician" and "Feeder Insect Technician" require a specific set of skills that can only be learned while on the job. Josh's Frogs is an industry leader in terrarium equipment, plants, and animals. Everything they do requires training that only they can provide. Josh's Frogs of Owosso was awarded $3,840.00 in WIOA On-the-Job-Training (OJT) funding to help bring two new employees on board and get them the specialized training they needed to function in their new position. By taking advantage of the program, the new employees were able to learn while working. The training plan was put together using job descriptions provided by the company and individualized for each new employee. Lasting 240 training hours, each individual received the skills and knowledge to be successful in their new position.

Josh's Frogs is not new to this program; throughout their years of participation with GST Michigan Works!, they have secured $39,480.00 in funding to help train new hires, many of whom are still there.

Alyssa, Vice President of Human Resources and Facilities Management, had this to say:

"The OJT program has become an invaluable benefit for Josh's Frogs and a key contributor to the success of our new hires. We have consistently observed higher retention rates, greater employee satisfaction, and stronger long-term success among team members who are eligible for and participate in the program. While our hiring process helps us identify and bring in talented individuals, **the OJT program ensures they receive the support, resources, and guidance needed to start their careers on the strongest possible footing.** This partnership has had a meaningful impact on both employee development and organizational success. Josh's Frogs is grateful for our partnership with GST Michigan Works! and the opportunities this program provides."

BAY VENTURES GROUP

MEETING JOB SEEKERS WHERE THEY ARE

Tuscola Co. - When Mindy from Bay Ventures Group in Midland contacted Business Services at the Caro Service Center, she was looking for assistance hiring and conducting orientations for road construction flagger positions in the Thumb Area. Recognizing that requiring candidates to travel from the Thumb to Midland could discourage job seekers, GST Michigan Works! offered to provide support locally.

After coordinating schedules, Business Services prepared the meeting space, stocked the copy machine for photocopying sensitive documents, welcomed job seekers, and provided a private area for one-on-one conversations. By creating a convenient, professional environment close to where

candidates lived, the hiring and orientation process became more accessible for both the employer and prospective employees.

The results were immediate. Seven individuals were hired to work in the Thumb Area, helping Bay Ventures Group fill critical positions while reducing barriers to employment for local job seekers.

Reflecting on the experience, Mindy shared:

"The Caro location of GST Michigan Works! was easy to work with and helped me book rooms for Road Construction Flagging Orientations! ***This meant we were able to gain new employees, and candidates were able to gain employment.*** *If it wasn't for all the staff's assistance, from inquiring about booking a room all the way to being happy to help and wishing well at the end of both orientations, the process would not have been as smooth for our company or my new employees. Because of how simple and smooth they made the process, I felt confident choosing them to serve as a middle ground so employees who reside in the Thumb Area didn't have to travel all the way to Midland for orientation. I am very grateful for the chance to work with them and will absolutely work with them in the future. I could not have asked for a better experience, and* ***I know that everyone who lives in the Caro community has a great resource among them for aid with finding employment.*** *I would recommend them to employers in need of hosting interviews or orientations, as well as to anyone seeking employment. Happy to say that our company gained seven new employees out of nine candidates who attended orientations!"*

This partnership demonstrates that workforce development isn't always about large grants or extensive training initiatives. Sometimes, the greatest impact comes from removing a simple barrier, creating a convenient connection, and helping employers and job seekers meet in the middle. In this case, serving as that connection point led to new employment opportunities, a new employer partnership, and a successful outcome for everyone involved.

RACE TO TALENT
APPRENTICESHIP EVENT

Race to Talent Events connect employers, workforce partners, and community leaders to explore how Registered Apprenticeship can help build and strengthen the talent pipeline. Through conversations with employers who have successfully implemented apprenticeship programs, participants gain practical insight into developing skilled workers, addressing workforce challenges, and creating sustainable pathways to talent. These events also recognize organizations leading the way in Registered Apprenticeship and encourage more employers to consider this proven, employer-driven training model. By sharing real-world experiences and connecting businesses with resources, Race to Talent helps employers grow the skilled workforce they need to succeed.





RACE TO TALENT

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SUCCESS STORY:

4TH ANNUAL FLINT POLICE DEPARTMENT MEET & GREET CAREER FAIR

On June 25, 2026, GST Michigan Works! proudly partnered with the Flint Police Department to host **the 4th Annual Flint Police Department Meet & Greet Career Fair at Flint Police Headquarters.** The event welcomed approximately **150 job seekers, families, students, and community members,** providing an opportunity to explore careers in law enforcement while strengthening relationships between the department and the community.

Leading up to the event, GST Michigan Works! worked closely with the Flint Police Department to develop and implement a targeted recruitment campaign. Services included employer consultation, event planning, marketing and promotional support, community outreach, and connecting interested job seekers with careers in public safety. As part of this strategy, invitations and promotional materials were distributed to every college and university criminal justice program across Michigan, while additional outreach targeted local fitness and athletic facilities to help expand awareness among individuals interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement.

During the event, attendees met with Flint Police officers and recruitment staff, explored specialized tactical vehicles and equipment, learned about the hiring process, and gained firsthand insight into the many career opportunities available within the department. Families and children also had the chance to interact with officers in a welcoming environment, reinforcing the department's commitment to community engagement and public service.

The event also received positive media coverage from ABC12 and the City of Flint, further highlighting the partnership and the importance of collaborative workforce development efforts in Genesee County.





"We truly value our partnership with GST Michigan Works! Their resources, support, and recruitment strategies have been instrumental in helping us expand our outreach and strengthen our recruitment efforts. They've been an outstanding partner throughout our campaign. The 4th Annual Flint Police Department Meet & Greet Career Fair was a huge success, and we're already looking forward to making next year's event even bigger and better."

Lt. Ronald Dixon, Flint Police Department

The continued partnership between GST Michigan Works! and the Flint Police Department strengthens recruitment efforts, increases community engagement, and connects talented individuals with meaningful careers in public safety. Together, we are helping build a stronger workforce and a safer community.

















LEARN & EARN

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Financial Reality Fair Kicks Off Work Experience Program



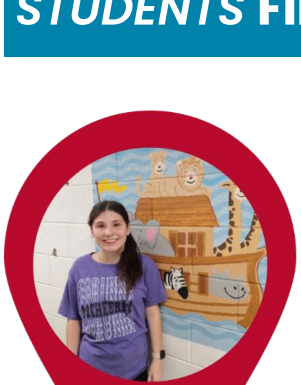
The Shiawassee RESD's Summer Work Experience Program began in July with a training session at SRESD. This summer program, created with Jobs for Michigan's Graduates (JMG) and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), is the first step before the main program starts. The JMG program offers teens a chance to explore careers and build skills throughout the school year.

Students learned about workplace expectations and what makes a good employee, before tackling the LAFCU Financial Reality Fair. In this hands-on budgeting simulation, they visited stations about housing, utilities, transportation, groceries, insurance, and optional expenses like entertainment, clothing, and dining out. Afterward, each student talked with a financial counselor to go over their budget, discuss savings, and look at the difference between needs and wants. This experience helps students see how their education, career choices, and financial decisions can affect their future.

In the afternoon, students met one-on-one with their case managers to go over details about their worksite placements. They also learned about workplace safety, what employers expect, personal hygiene, professionalism, solving problems at work, and how to get ready for their first day. By the end of the day, students felt excited and prepared to start their community work experiences.



STUDENTS FINDING THEIR SPOT



Kaylynn - *Corunna*
Helping care for toddlers at Noah's Ark Children's Center.



Rory - *Owosso*
Learning new skills with the technology department at Durand Area Schools.

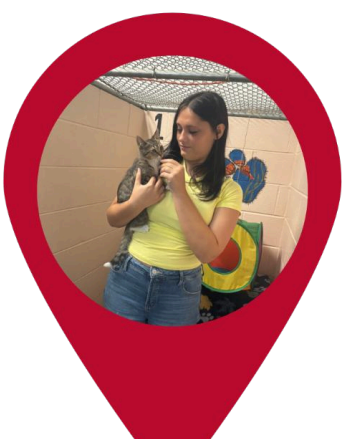
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Kaylene - *Owosso*
Assisting youth at the Congregational Child Development Center (CCDC).



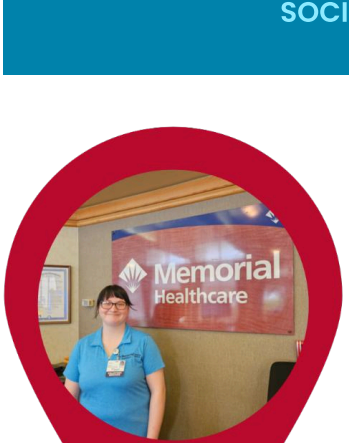
Kennidy - *Owosso*
Caring for animals at the Shiawassee County Humane Society.



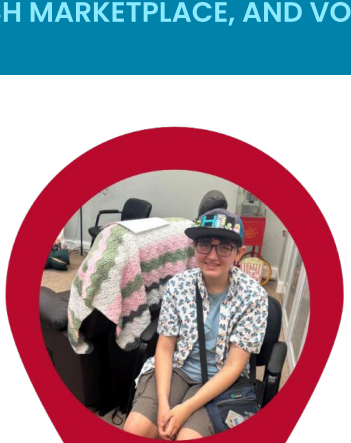
Joseph - *New Lothrop*
Getting the grounds ready for the Shiawassee County Fair.

THANK YOU TO THE EMPLOYERS WHO MAKE IT HAPPEN:

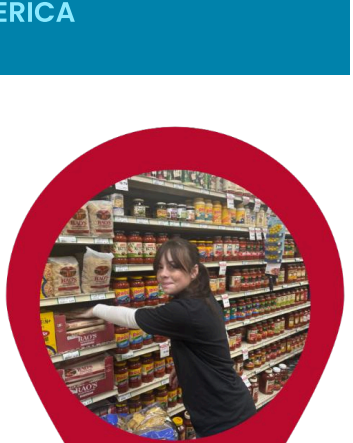
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Emma - *Corunna*
Assisting in Public Safety at Memorial Healthcare.



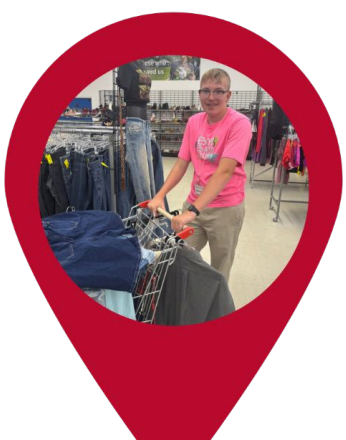
Kaylynn - *Laingsburg*
Helping with fun activities at Pat's Place.



Isabella - *Byron*
Keeping the shelves stocked at Alpine Marketplace.

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GENESEE SHIAWASSEE THUMB

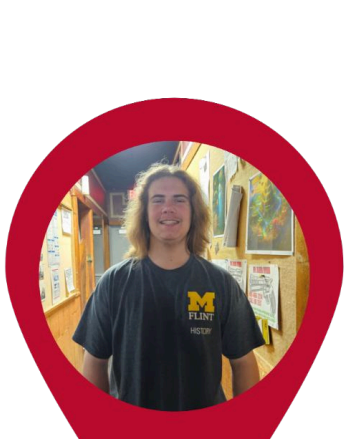
This program is in partnership with GST Michigan Works! Workforce Development Board and the Workforce Development Agency, State of Michigan. Supported by the State of Michigan Equal Opportunity Employer Program. Michigan Relay Center: 711 Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.



Logan - *Corunna*
Organizing merchandise at Volunteers of America.



Hannah - *New Lothrop*
Front facing shelves and stocking at Save- A-Lot.



Evan - *Durand*
Washing dishes and cleaning at the Iron Horse.



Rylie - *Perry*
Keeping Village Fresh Marketplace looking great.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO **ME?**







During a recent exercise, students were asked to help complete the Jobs for Michigan's Graduates (JMG) 'puzzle' by sharing what they learned during their work experience.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR JMG STUDENTS *ON A SUCCESSFUL SUMMER!*

MAKING MEMORIES, LEARNING SKILLS



The JMG Launch Celebration recognized student accomplishments and initiated them into SRESD's JMG Chapter. Students received certificates celebrating their hard work, followed by pizza and ice cream. Students shared their achievements from their summer work experiences and reflected on the valuable skills they developed. They also participated in an activity that helped them recognize how the skills they gained this summer can transfer to a variety of careers and workplace settings, leading to future employment opportunities and long-term success.



As part of their summer experience, students also planned and participated in a community service event at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. Working together as a team on an assembly line, students packed food boxes for families in need. They learned that the Food Bank serves 22 counties across eastern Michigan and we were proud to support its mission.



Together, our students helped provide food to 129 families!

We are incredibly proud of all of our JMG students for stepping out of their comfort zones, trying new things, challenging themselves, and investing in their futures.

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