

**No Worker Left  
Behind Update  
July 2010**



**Barry, Branch and Calhoun Counties**

### **WHY ARE THERE CHANGES**

Given the reduction in federal funding for the program year that began July 1, 2010, the Michigan Works! that covers Barry, Branch and Calhoun counties is **making adjustments to the No Worker Left Behind (NWLB) Program.**

### **PRIORITY FOR THOSE IN TRAINING**

Since this program began three years ago, **1,846 people have been assisted with training in this region.**

**Over 300 of these people are currently enrolled in training. Our priority is ensuring that all people currently in training are able to finish.** When funds become available locally, others will be able to access training.

### **FOR THOSE ON THE WAIT LIST**

**For those on a wait list as of the end of June,** we plan to notify these individuals as to how they may obtain regular updates on the funding status within our region.

### **OTHER AVAILABLE SERVICES**

While we are discontinuing the waitlist for NWLB, there **are other job readiness services** we offer including interview preparation, resume help and job search assistance.

### **LONG-TERM TRAINING FOCUS**

As funding becomes available, we will **continue to emphasize putting workers into long-term training.** This is an essential element of NWLB – connecting citizens with training that leads to better-paying, family-sustaining jobs.

### **SUCCESS STORIES**

An individual in **Barry County** found himself without work after working for years. After careful research and training to upgrade his skills, he was hired for a new position within three weeks of completing his truck driver training license upgrade from a Class B license to a Class A license.

One individual in **Branch County** who was assisted by NWLB found his self unemployed after 25 years in automotive manufacturing and completed a phlebotomy technician program. After a successful externship, he was hired full time by the Community Health Center of Branch County as a Laboratory Assistant.

In **Calhoun County** an Army Veteran found his self unemployed after five consecutive years of civilian work. Assisted by the NWLB program, he returned to school and completed his Associates Degree. He is, once again, employed full-time and proud to once again be serving his community.

### **IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS**

Please contact staff at any Michigan Works! Service Center or call 1-800-285-9675 and ask to speak with a Michigan Works! Administrative staff person.