

## Michigan Works! Overview

Michigan Works! is a statewide customer driven workforce development system that serves employers and job seekers to ensure that employers have the skilled workers they need and workers have good jobs that provide economic self sufficiency.

### Employer Services

- Testing and screening applicants
- Advertising job openings
- Scheduling interviews for employers
- On-the-Job Training Reimbursement
- Customized Training to meet the employer's identified needs
- Identify business needs and make referrals
- Assistance with company layoffs and closures
- New business and company start-up services

### Job Seeker Services

- Job search assistance
- Resume and interviewing Assistance
- Employability Skills Workshops
- Assessment & Career Planning Assistance
- Phone, fax and computer availability
- Occupational Skills Training
- On-the-Job Training
- Resources and Referrals

## Service Center Locations in Barry, Branch & Calhoun Counties

### Albion Service Center

101 N. Albion Street  
Albion, MI 49224  
517-629-5852

### Battle Creek Service Center

135 Hamblin Avenue  
Battle Creek, MI 49017  
269-660-1412

### Coldwater Service Center

210 Vista Drive  
Coldwater, MI 49036  
517-278-0200

### Hastings Service Center

535 W. Woodlawn Avenue  
Hastings, MI 49058  
269-945-9545, Ext. 144

Michigan Works! Programs are equal opportunity employers/programs. Auxiliary aids and services are available to individuals with disabilities upon request. Michigan Relay Center 800-649-3777 (Voice and TTY). Supported by the State of Michigan.



**Serving Barry, Branch  
and Calhoun Counties**

*Professional Services for  
Employers and Job Seekers  
at no cost.*

**800-285-WORKS (9675)  
www.michpartners.org**

**Employment Services:** Services include registering for unemployment, assistance using the Michigan Talent Bank, career exploration, computer literacy classes, employability skills workshops, WorkKeys assessments, and community resource information. You do not need to be unemployed to receive these services and there are no eligibility requirements.

**Job Search & Training Services:** W.I.A. Adult and Dislocated Worker Program staff assists eligible customers with job search assistance and training opportunities. Eligibility requirements must be met to receive these services.

**No Worker Left Behind Training:** Up to two years of free tuition at any community college, university or other approved training provider. Tuition covers up to \$5,000 per year for two years, for a total of \$10,000 per person. Eligibility requirements must be met to receive these services.

**Business Services:** A partnership between business, workforce development, educators, and economic developers to help businesses to be successful and to meet their demands for skilled workers. Businesses do not need to meet eligibility requirements to receive these services. If you are interested in business services, please ask to speak with a Business Service Team Representative.

**Jobs, Education & Training (JET):** Services include job search assistance, training and educational opportunities, employment related supportive services. Eligibility requirements: Must be referred from the Department of Human Services and be receiving cash assistance or food assistance.

**Food Assistance Employment & Training Program:** Assists participants to become employed and/or obtain training needed to qualify for a job. Eligibility Requirements: Voluntary program, but individual must be receiving food assistance, be unemployed, have no dependents and be between the ages of 18-49.

**Youth Services:** Serves youth between the ages of 16-21 by insuring that youth have basic academic, employability and technical skills required by local employers. Eligibility requirements include a low income requirement and one barrier to employment as defined by the Workforce Investment Act.

**Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative (MPRI):** Assists individuals referred to MPRI in making the transition from prison back into the community by providing them with workforce development services, life skills training, and supportive services. Individuals must be referred by the Michigan Department of Corrections to be eligible for services.

**Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS):** MRS Counselors assist individuals with disabilities with job search and/or training. Eligibility requirements must be met to receive these services.

**Trade Adjustment Assistance Program (TAA):** Provides services to individuals who have become unemployed as a result of increased imports from, or shifts in production to, foreign countries. Individuals may receive occupational retraining if approval criteria is met. Individuals must meet six eligibility criteria to receive TAA services.

**Incumbent Worker Training:** Innovative training for current employees where a determination has been made that the workers require training in order to keep the employer competitive and the workers employed. Eligibility requirements must be met by companies in order to receive these services.

**Veterans Services:** Assists veterans with job search and other available services. Must be a Veteran, Guard Reservist, or family member to receive these services.

**American Association of Retired Persons (AARP):** Assists low income individuals age 55 and older in finding employment. Each participant will participate in a work training program for 18 hours per week until they obtain employment. Eligibility requirements are low income and age 55 and older.