

NEWS FOR APRIL 2019

JobSTAR (Support, Talent And Retention) provides a Success Coach and countless resources to help Jackson County employees solve crisis situations that impede their ability to work. Click to find out more!

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Coach's Corner

with Scott Walker

For three months in a row, the JobSTAR program has served more people than from the prior month. The trend for the most common services inquired upon continues to be transportation and housing concerns. These areas are very critical to the success of employees because they can have a negative effect on attendance and with work performance.

All partnering companies within the JobSTAR program understand that every worker has basic needs that must be met. If those needs do not get met, the likelihood of being successful at work goes down tremendously.

That is why I am stationed at your workplace to help with things such as: health care, food assistance, utilities, housing, and child day care. Please contact me by phone, email, or in person if you feel that I can be of help to you.

I'm happy to be here for you and we can talk about anything on a confidential basis.



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JobSTAR Success: Resolving Car Issue Keeps Employee on the Job; Worker Offers Testimonial

In early March a worker with a fiancé and a child on the way was in need of auto repairs for head gasket work. The total job was estimated around \$2,400.00. I explained to the worker that community ventures funds could cover \$900.00 of the repair but that a co-pay would need to be made. He was very happy with this as he had a tax return that just covered his co-payment amount. On March 15, the co-payment was verified, the car was fixed, and a payment was made. He recently reported that his car is running wonderfully and has no anxiety about how to get back and forth to work.



A Worker Testimonial

"Thank you again for everything that you have done to help me through this hard time in my life. I cannot begin to thank you enough and express how much of a stress reliever it truly is. It brings tears to my eyes because I never thought that this much good would come my way - as much good of a person as I've been to people throughout my life. But I guess it does stand true that doing the right thing and being a good person towards others eventually catches up with you on a positive note.

"I can't be more grateful than I am right now because by the end of June I'll be able to pay all the other things that I've been worrying about and still be ahead of the game on my main bills by roughly a month. And if this job comes through for my boyfriend, the goal and plan is to get at least 2 months ahead of all our main bills and get all the negative delinquencies out of the way.

"We could not have done this without your help and patience."

MACI Offers Adult Education For Temporary Xcel Staff; MichiganWorks! Southeast Provides Added Learning Opportunities

MACI is offering Adult Education classes for temporary Xcel Staffing employees that want to obtain a G.E.D. Preparation classes are being offered twice a week on-site at MACI and are facilitated by instructors from MichiganWorks! Southeast. MACI, in its tireless effort to recruit quality employees, recognizes that some workers need assistance to meet their minimum educational requirements.

The GED test is comprised of four sections and each of them is currently being offered to Xcel staffing employees for free. This is due to funding through MichiganWorks! Southeast.

If your company is interested in providing on-site adult education services to employees, please contact Pamela Gosla at (517) 437-3381 ext. 65221.

MichiganWorks! Additional Offerings

Adult education is provided to assist individuals not just in earning their high school diploma or their high school equivalency (GED) but also to assist in developing greater skills in writing, reading and math. Instruction in English as a Second Language is available, as are tools for career interest searches and preparation of an individual's career path.

Programming is individualized to focus on what an individual needs and wants to work on. Instruction is also available to assist in developing and refining college skills.



Programming is free and often assistance is available to cover any testing costs for High School Equivalency. Classes are provided in a variety of locations and at a variety of times to best meet the needs of our students.

For more information or for program specifics, please contact (517) 437-3381 ext 65222.

MARCH METRICS

49 people served

63 services provided or consulted on

Housing –	13
Transportation Concerns –	8
Counseling–	7
Health Insurance –	6
Auto Repair –	5
Gov't Navigation –	4
Legal –	4
Child Daycare –	3
Food –	3
Loans –	3
Utilities -	3
Emergency Services -	1
Financial Coaching -	1
Substance/Alcohol Abuse –	1
Tax Preparation –	1

Want to Join JobSTAR?



We're Looking for Employers To Join Our Resource Network!

Find out how JobSTAR can improve your workplace!
Contact Scott Walker at 517-240-0715.

Thanks to our participating companies: Industrial Steel Treating, Melling Tool, Michigan Automotive Compressor Inc., Jackson County Intermediate School District, Lifeways Community Mental Health, John George Home, Jackson Friendly Home, Program Assistance Center at United Way of Jackson County.

Thanks to our JobSTAR partners: United Way of Jackson County, Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Works! Southeast, Jackson County Department of Health and Human Services, and Family Service & Children's Aid.