



September 28, 2017



Dear Workforce Partners and Stakeholders,

What an eventful summer!

A great big thank you to everyone who made our Midwest Urban Strategies July gathering possible! A special thanks to our colleagues who traveled to Milwaukee from Chicago, Illinois; Cincinnati, Ohio; Cleveland, Ohio; Columbus, Ohio; Detroit, Michigan; Gary, Indiana; Indianapolis, Indiana; Kansas City, Missouri; Minneapolis, Minnesota; St. Louis, Missouri; and Wichita, Kansas. I would also like to thank Christine Quinn of the US Department of Labor, George Wright of Citibank, Whitney Smith of JP Morgan

Chase and Bader Philanthropies for their generous support and hosting our meeting and press event.



The Midwest Urban Strategies Consortium is official! This groundbreaking initiative is the first of its kind in the country. The group is made up of urban workforce development boards and will serve as a regional mechanism to drive economic growth. Employ Milwaukee is the administrative lead. I look forward to our partnership and future success.

In August, we opened our newest affiliate American Job Center, America Works at MATC Milwaukee Walker's Square. Community leaders joined us for an open house on August 31st where they toured facility and learned about career and training services available to job seekers. I encourage everyone to stop by MATC Milwaukee Walker's Square and check out Milwaukee County's newest American Job Center.

On September 13, we were honored to win a Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA) "Community & Economic Development Award" for our administration of Milwaukee County's UpLift MKE program, a partnership with Milwaukee County and employers such as the Milwaukee Bucks. Thank you WEDA for the recognition.

Recently, there has been a flurry of economic development news WDA 2 and the region. Developing a workforce is a critical component to economic development. We look forward to collaborating with new regional employers, training providers, and economic development organizations. The workforce system can offer customized recruitments, connections to skill development and training programs, and other talent sourcing solutions. This will include a high level of collaboration with other southeast Wisconsin workforce boards.

Welcome fall!

**Milwaukee County's Newest American Job Center
is
Now Open at Milwaukee Walker's Square**



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For more information, call America Works at (414) 302-2668
Located at: 816 W. National Ave., Milwaukee, 53204

Featured Partner

Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC)

MATC Education Center at Walker's Square, located at 816 W. National Ave., is the home of Milwaukee County's newest affiliate American Job Center. This recently remodeled space provides an excellent education environment with great work spaces, a virtual cafe, and now career and training services through the American Job Center, a partnership between Employ Milwaukee and America Works of Wisconsin, Inc. Services offered through the Job Center include: comprehensive and specialized assessments of skill levels and service needs; development of an individual employment plan; individual counseling; career planning; occupational skills training; On-The-Job Training; incumbent worker training; and much more!



MATC President Dr. Vicki J. Martin speaks to community leaders at a recent open house for the newest affiliate American Job Center.

MATC Education Center at Walker's Square Offers

- Adult Basic Education: Math, Reading, and Writing
- English Language Learning
- GED Assistance
- Computer Basics Training
- Entrepreneurship and Service Learning Programs
- Educational Programs for Plumbing; Masonry/Bricklaying; Carpentry/Woodworking; Hydraulics; Appliance Repair; Upholstery; and Sewing.

Partners onsite include: Milwaukee Skilled Trades Consortium, WRTD/BIG STEP and MATC Services connecting Individuals with family-sustaining career pathways in construction, manufacturing, and other emerging sectors.

Company Feature

JPMorgan Chase & Company

Awards Midwest Urban Strategies Inaugural Grant

JP Morgan Chase & Company has awarded the workforce consortium Midwest Urban Strategies (MUS) an inaugural grant of \$100,000. MUS is an innovative consortium led by Employ Milwaukee along with 11 other urban workforce boards. JPMorgan Chase is providing resources to MUS to shore up capacity, aid in intra-city communication and coordination, and to bring training and technical assistance to enhance sector-based partnerships with employers.

"The collaboration exhibited by Midwest Urban Strategies is critical to the stability of our regional economy," said Whitney Smith, Executive Director-Midwest, Global Philanthropy at JPMorgan Chase. "Our investment will help the group develop an educated and skilled regional workforce focused on sector-based employers, which is essential for the region's future growth."



Whitney Smith, Executive Director-Midwest, Global Philanthropy at JPMorgan Chase, announces a \$100,000 inaugural grant to "build the infrastructure of the network and to help with staffing and strategic planning." She expressed the company's enthusiasm for the groundbreaking initiative.

Staff Feature

Kristin Holtz, PhD

Career Plus Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator

Kristen Holtz leads Employ Milwaukee's Youth Apprenticeship consortium, the Career Plus Youth Apprenticeship Network, which manages Youth Apprenticeships in Brown Deer, Glendale, West Allis-West Milwaukee, and at Nicolet High School.

As the workforce board representing Workforce Development Area 2 in Wisconsin, we believe in the sector-driven Youth Apprenticeship programming delivered by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development. We knew there are school districts, private sector schools, and charter schools that were not part of the existing Youth Apprenticeship Consortia.

In order to expand the availability of



programming to these schools and students, and to increase the supply of Youth Apprentices for Milwaukee County businesses, Employ Milwaukee started the Career Plus Youth Apprenticeship Network. Plans are underway to expand to additional districts in the 2018 - 2019 school year.

The DWD YA program is a talent development strategy for local employers. Kristin helps students gain valuable skills while they complete high school. She says, "It is rewarding to connect students

with employers who value their unique skills and want to grow their talents."

Employ Milwaukee News

UpLift MKE Receives Human Capital Award at the 3rd Annual Community and Economic Development Gathering



Employ Milwaukee administers Milwaukee County's Uplift MKE program. Uplift is a demand-based "first source" employment program that has resulted in over 180 placements in family supporting jobs in its first year. The Milwaukee Bucks were the first employer partner to commit to this program and over time the employer base has expanded to include the manufacturing, hospitality, customer service, finance and IT industries.

Featured in the News



**Workforce Leaders of 12
Urban Midwest Workforce
Development Boards Gather
to Sign Agreement Creating
an Unprecedented
Partnership and Begin
Regional Strategic Planning**

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AMERICAN JOB CENTER LOCATIONS IN MILWAUKEE COUNTY

Job Center Central
4201 N. 27th Street 4th Floor Milwaukee, WI 53216
Phone: 414-203- 8500
TDD/TTY: 711 (Wisconsin Relay)
Hours: M, T, R, F, 8 am – 5 pm
Wednesdays 8 am – 7 pm

YWCA Southeast Wisconsin Job Center
1915 N. Doctor Martin Luther King Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53212
Phone: 414-374- 1800
TDD/TTY: 711 (Wisconsin Relay)
Hours: M - F, 8am - 4:30pm

**Milwaukee Walker's Square Job Center
(America Works of Wisconsin)**
816 W. National Ave., Suite 400, Milwaukee, WI 53204
Phone: 414-302- 2668
TDD/TTY: 711 (Wisconsin Relay)
Hours: M - F, 8am - 5:00pm

Milwaukee Southeast Job Center
2701 S. Chase Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53207
Phone: 414-389- 6607
Fax: 414-389- 6276
TDD/TTY: 414-389- 6697
Hours: M - F, 8am - 4:30pm

Job Center Central (MAXIMUS)

Services: -- General staff assistance -- Specialist staff assistance -- Resource room facilities -- Job seeker services -- Finding work -- Planning your career -- Getting skills and education -- Dealing with a loss of a Job -- Family Resources -- Workshops -- Planning your Career Pathway Youth services -- Community Resources -- Employer services -- Recruitment assistance -- Labor market Resources-- Veterans Services -- Training Programs -- GED-- Basic Education-- W2 Services-- Credentialing Programs-- Apprenticeships-- Food Share

Partners: Wisconsin Job Service; Dynamic Workforce Solutions, ResCare, Milwaukee Area Technical College; Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; Veterans Employment and Training Services, Milwaukee Job Corps, Interfaith Older Adults, Milwaukee Public Schools

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Partners: Wisconsin Job Service; Milwaukee Area Technical College; Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; Veterans Employment and Training Services

**Milwaukee Walker's Square Job Center
(America Works of Wisconsin)**

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Partners: Milwaukee Area Technical College

Milwaukee Southeast Job Center

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Partners: Wisconsin Job Service; Milwaukee Area Technical College; Veterans Employment and Training Services; Milwaukee Enrollment Services; Social Development Commission

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