




Job Developers Alliance

Virtual Open House
January 18, 2023



Agenda

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- JDA Member Introductions
 - JDA History & Call to Action
 - Guest Introductions
 - Discussion

Michigan Rehabilitation Services- Wayne



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
**LABOR & ECONOMIC
OPPORTUNITY**

MRS PROMOTING
ABILITIES
Michigan Rehabilitation Services

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Mission: Develop customized workforce solutions for businesses and individuals with disabilities.

Vision: A diverse and inclusive workforce that unites businesses and individuals with disabilities toward a common good.

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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY &
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Collaborative solutions for a promising future

Washtenaw County OCED delivers critical services in the areas of affordable housing, human services, economic development, and community infrastructure. Our efforts are informed by community needs, available resources, and our commitment to ensuring equity and opportunity in the county.

Ann Arbor Housing Commission



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Diversity, equity and inclusion is important to the Ann Arbor Housing Commission's mission of providing affordable housing to low-income individuals and families and is critical to ensuring the well-being of our staff and the communities we serve. We strive to create an environment where employees are valued and empowered to positively support our mission. The Ann Arbor Housing Commission will advocate for public and private-sector policies that challenge systems that create inequity, oppression and disparity and work with community partners to bring about positive change.

Michigan Department of Corrections Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility



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The Vocational Village at the Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility (WHV) is the third Vocational Village operated by the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC).

The Vocational Village model started in 2015 at Handlon Correctional Facility in Ionia and now has two additional locations, including Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility in Ypsilanti. The Vocational Village model simulates a real job site atmosphere while learning a trade and earning state and nationally recognized credentials.

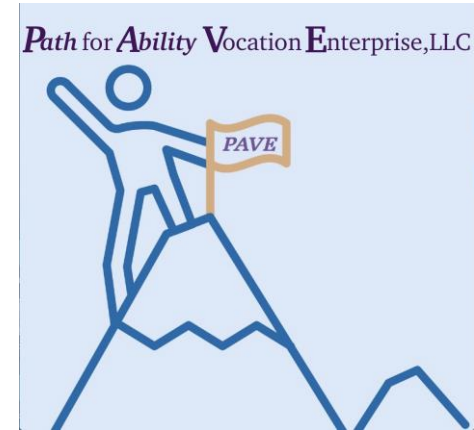
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PAVE's mission is to strengthen our community by serving motivated teens and adults who experience barriers to employment by providing high - quality and impactful vocational rehabilitation services designed to empower individuals along their path toward reaching their employment goal. PAVE is an established service provider for MRS - Washtenaw County and provides vocational rehabilitation services with MRS as the primary source of referrals for services.



JDA History

What does JDA do?

Resource Sharing

- Monthly meetings to discuss community resources, plan events and network
- Develop partnerships with various agencies, businesses and employers
- Advocate for our specific clients and community members

Annual Job Fairs

- Washtenaw based job fairs
 - Annually until 2020
 - Local employers
 - Based typically in Ypsilanti and on a bus line
- Career Fairs
 - New venture
 - Connecting clients/community members with careers, vocational training and/or apprenticeships



Call to Action

- We need action-oriented partners willing to hit the ground running and put in more than just time, but true effort.
- We need dedicated partners interested in closing the gap, providing resources and advocating on those populations who are historically underserved
- We've asked you here because we desire more community participation and are looking to expand our reach.



Discussion & Q&A

Job Developers Alliance
3rd Wednesday of every month
9am

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