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Ramsey County Workforce Innovation Board Spotlight



Workforce Innovation Board Of Ramsey County

***Mission:** The Workforce Innovation Board (WIB) of Ramsey County is the catalyst for comprehensive workforce development strategies that address both employer and job seeker needs.*

The WIB exists to:

- **Preserve** the economic health of Ramsey County.
- **Identify** workforce issues and needs.
- **Build** partnerships to serve the needs of businesses and job seekers.
- **Oversee** publicly funded workforce programs in Ramsey County.

Core Programs/Services:

- Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)
- Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA)
- Minnesota Youth Program (MYP)
- State Dislocated Workers

Power Within Us (PWU)

Power Within Us Provides monthly employment resource sessions in the community. At each session youth are connected directly with community partners that offer employment and training programs and services for youth and/or youth on probation.

Who can attend?

- Open to youth on probation ages 16-24
- Supportive adults and caregivers of youth on probation

What do youth gain by attending?

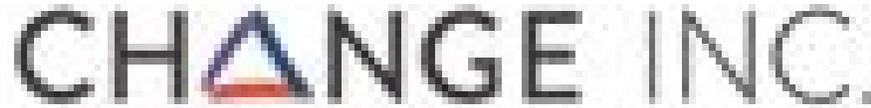
- Immediate connections to WIOA Youth Providers
- \$50 participation and attendance incentive
- Voluntary programming (not court-ordered) that does not require a professional referral
- Networking opportunities

Session Format

Welcome & Dinner
Session overview
WIOA Provider & Partner
Presentations
Networking
Wrap Up



Program Partners



PWU Program Impact 2023-2024

- **24** PWU sessions delivered
- **18** community partners engaged
- **172** youth participated
- **25%** of participants attended more than 1 session.
- **8** youth completed Driver's License Academy
- **12** youth enrolled in college
- **7** youth applied for Right Track internships

Program Enhancements

- Sessions provided in Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) & Ramsey County Correctional Facility (RCCF) to youth & young adults ages 14 -24 returning home to the community.
 - WIOA providers are invited to provide program information and employment and training resources.
- Beginning in 2026 sessions will be offered in the Adult Detention Center
- Targeted county referrals to WIOA Youth Providers through PWU sessions
 - Youth on Probation
 - Re-entry youth program participants
- Program delivered in partnership with Ramsey County social services, office of safety and justice, community corrections, county attorney, and workforce solutions departments.

Thank you!