

Adult Career Pathways Programs

ACP Team Updates

This past quarter has been busy for the ACP team. We have been working closely with all competitively awarded grantees to develop contracts and plans for the next couple of years. So far, the team has developed and processed 137 contracts over the team's 13 different programs - over \$55M in funding.

As your agency's ACP contracts are being executed, please watch out for communication from your coordinator as they begin to schedule the 30, 60, 90-day check-in meetings. This is your one-on-one time with your coordinator to ask questions, clarify requirements, and develop an activity map to clarify performance metrics and how you will appropriately track those in Workforce One.

The team also manages 46 capital improvement projects. Between the special appropriated capital projects and the targeted community capital projects this is over \$90M. A few of these capital projects underway include a new childcare center on the Eastside of St Paul and one in Grand Rapids, the renovation of space to help injured firefighters, and the purchase and renovation of a Hmong community center to name a few impacting communities across the state.

As we are getting our first round of CanTrain projects going, we released a second round RFP in October. We are currently in the final stages of the review process and anticipate award decisions in the coming weeks.

The team is hosting quarterly Drive for 5 meet ups, the first one being next week on the 24th. We kindly request that each Drive for 5 provider have at least one representative attend our quarterly check-in meetings, but leave it up to the grantee to decide who would be best to attend. These gatherings will focus on the overall Drive for 5 programs rather than grantee-specific issues or questions. DEED's Employer Engagement Specialists will provide an overview of the assistance/services that team is providing as well.

ACP Provider Map

The team is in the process of updating its comprehensive provider map featuring organizations funded by DEED's SFY 2026/2027 Office of Adult Career Pathways. This tool will be made public and available to encourage referrals to your organization's training programs. We received a great response to the survey and anticipate the map being available on the ACP webpage by April 1st.

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MAWB Job Seeker Services Meeting, March 18, 2026

Adult Career Pathways Guides

The team is working on updating the [ACP website](#) content to include the Onboarding webinar and presentation for the SFY26-27 programs. We anticipate it being completed by April 1st.

We encourage you to reach out to your Coordinator, or myself, if you have questions or suggestions about what is on the website or in the guides.

Success Stories

We'd love to learn about the amazing work you're doing and how it is positively impacting the lives of participants throughout the State of Minnesota! To submit a success story, please fill out this brief [ACP Success Stories Form](#).