

THE LINK

Keeping you connected

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01 celebrating success.

After hearing her employment was about to end due to a store closure, Susan was fearful that after a 24 year career at Kmart, she was too old to re-enter the workforce. With little computer experience, Susan was unsure of where to begin. After filing for unemployment benefits, our team re-introduced her to our services. Susan attended every single workshop in addition to a one-on-one resume consultation. After attending a Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment Meeting, (RESEA), Susan decided to work more closely with a Career Advisor and enrolled into the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), where she received job search assistance.



After a few different interviews, Susan was offered employment as an Assistant Store Manager at Dollar General and is now running her own store earning \$48,000.00 annually, which is \$13,500.00 more than what she was earning at her previous employer. Susan said *I was given "just enough computer skills and confidence to apply for jobs and tweak my resume and felt that age was no longer a factor. I left Michigan Works! believing that I could do anything I wanted to regardless of how old I was."*

02 our impact.

Chances are, you or someone you know has benefited from using the services offered through Michigan Works! Southeast. As of the end of February, we have almost 2,000 customers who are working one-on-one with a Career Advisor to up-skill. This will help them meet the needs of our local employers, making them more employable with the goal of longevity at an organization.

- Hillsdale has 253+ customers enrolled into a service
- Jackson has 521+ customers enrolled into a service
- Lenawee has 302+ customers enrolled into a service
- Livingston has 211+ customers enrolled into a service
- Washtenaw has 665+ customers enrolled into a service



CREATIVE INNOVATION TEAM WORK

03 What's Trending: Top 5 Construction Careers

According to the Talent Investment Agency, "A significant professional trades shortage exists in Michigan and is expected to continue through 2024. Professional trades will account for more than 500,000 jobs in Michigan's economy, and approximately 15,000 new job openings are expected annually in the state during that time frame. Opportunities exist in a variety of emerging industries including IT, healthcare, advanced manufacturing, construction and automotive. Thanks to our partners at WIN, we are able to share the top construction careers & the top employers with those careers with you!

TOP 5 EMPLOYERS

The City of Jackson, Adrian & Blissfield Railroad, Henry Ford Health System, Meijer and Toll Brothers, Inc.

TOP 5 CONSTRUCTION CAREERS

- Construction Laborers
- Electricians
- Rough Carpenters
- First Line Supervisors of Construction Trades
- Cement Masons & Concrete Finishers

There are currently over 4,438 career openings in the construction industry. If you are thinking of a career change, or know someone who is, encourage them to connect with their local Michigan Works! Southeast Office today!