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CREATIVE INNOVATION TEAM WORK

01 celebrating success.

When Allysa Elliot first visited our Hillsdale Service Center, she was homeless, unemployed, and lacking a High School diploma. Without work experience or a vehicle, finding a job seemed like an impossible goal.

Her fortunes changed when she came to our office seeking assistance with obtaining her High School Equivalency Diploma. Not only did Michigan Works! Southeast provide training and financial assistance for her education, she gained valuable employability skills in our various workshops.

Being without a car or license, transportation was still a barrier. To solve this her career advisor, Kristyn Nichelson, enrolled her in a Paid Work Experience with Martinrea, who was located within walking distance of Allysa's residency. She was eventually hired on full time.



02 our impact.

Our goal at Michigan Works! Southeast is to develop today's workforce and tomorrow's economy by engaging employers, job seekers, and partners. Over 2,000 employers and 20,000 job seekers were served throughout our last fiscal year, which lasted from July 1st, 2017 to June 30th, 2018.

- 5,110 Jobs were filled from July 1 2017 - June 30, 2018
- 2,320 Employers were served from July 1 2017 - June 30, 2018
- 20,577 Individuals were served across our 5 counties
- 70,359 Total visitors came to our One-Stop Service Centers

03 What's Trending: Youth Unemployment

It's not always easy for young people to find a job. Often lacking work experience or connections, people between 16-24 years of age face unique challenges in finding employment.

AT A GLANCE

How do our 5 counties compare with the rest of the state in percentage of unemployed youth?

HILLSDALE COUNTY

14.7% Unemployed (2.5% below state average)

JACKSON COUNTY

20.4% Unemployed (3.2% above state average)

LENAWEE COUNTY

14.8% Unemployed (2.4% below state average)

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

12.6% Unemployed (4.6% below state average)

WASHTENAW COUNTY

12.3% Unemployed (4.9% below state average)

4 out of 5 counties fall below the state average of 17.2%, with Washtenaw and Livingston having some of the lowest in the state. If you are at least 16 years old and are looking for work, Michigan Works! Southeast can help you find a job! Call or visit one of our One-Stop Service Centers to speak with an advisor!