Workforce and Career Pathways

Your table will discuss the current state of workforce and career pathways in your community.

Keep these points in mind

- According to the NWI Times, in March, 2019, Lake County had the state’s highest jobless rate at 6.9%, up from 5.8% in February and up from 5.4% in March, 2017.

- Lake County’s key industries are: educational services, health care and social assistance, retail trade, and manufacturing.

- 72% of Lake County’s working population (16-64 years old) is currently employed or looking for work.

- Approximately 18% of the Region’s young adults (18-24 years old) do not have a high school diploma.
Prompts

1. Which industries should leaders focus on to create economic growth in Northwest Indiana?

2. What does Northwest Indiana need to support high-demand jobs of the future?

3. How can we support individuals who are newly entering or re-entering the workforce?

4. What resources should be offered to teens and young adults to introduce them to career opportunities in the Region?