Denver Workforce Development is a critical piece of how we create an economy that works for everyone. Whether our team is connecting individuals to a new job, upskilling jobseekers to earn a higher wage or connecting employers to Denver’s top talent, the foundation of a strong economy is investing in and growing our own talent pipeline and ensuring individuals and families have the opportunity to move towards economic sufficiency. As our city continues to grow, I look forward to expanding the services Denver Workforce Development offers with compassion and intention.

Adeeb Khan
Executive Director
Denver Economic Development & Opportunity

A strong, service-driven public workforce program is an essential contributor to achieving the city’s priorities, including tackling homelessness and revitalizing our urban core. Denver Workforce Development lifts up the least advantaged among us, including newcomers, while also supporting employers of all sizes, working every day to build and sustain the inclusive, vibrant economy that Denver deserves.

Mayor Mike Johnston
WORKFORCE BY THE NUMBERS
2022-2023

208,482
Job opportunities posted in Connecting Colorado

22,026
Total jobseekers served, live + virtual

8,960
Jobseekers accessed workforce services

$9.45
Dollars of Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) ROI vs. a single dollar invested

70%
Were employed within six months of accessing services

3
Full-service Workforce Centers across Denver

646
Jobseekers accessed Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) services

564
Employers served by Denver Workforce Development

I continue to be amazed and so proud of how well Denver’s program delivery has constantly reinvented itself to meet unexpected needs, led the way in innovative service to underserved groups, and navigated unprecedented talent pipeline challenges. Our team had a notable transformation from Workforce Services to Workforce Development this year, signifying our commitment to address the current needs of our community while planning for the future sustainability of workforce and economic development. I couldn’t be prouder of the path we continue to forge.”

Tony Anderson
Chief Workforce Development Officer
Denver Economic Development & Opportunity
Our community-based board excels at its mission to represent and advocate for area employers, and it is my privilege to chair this highly creative, actively engaged group. I am proud that Denver continues to be a model and innovator for peer workforce systems across the country.”

Kelli Kelly  
Business Development & Strategy Director – Economic Inclusion,  
*Kiewit Engineering Group, Inc.*

*Chair, Denver Workforce Development Board*

Over the past eight years, Denver Workforce Development has expanded its services and outreach into the jobseeker community by gradually growing its circle of contracted partners. Together, we reach underserved populations and connect people to available resources throughout this grassroots network.

In 2022-23, Denver Workforce Development awarded more than $5M in grant and federal funds to local partners. We could not possibly achieve the impact we have without the dedicated service of these contractors:

- Center for Work Education & Employment
- CommunityWorks
- Denver Housing Authority
- Denver Public Schools
- Eckerd Connects
- Jewish Family Services
- MiCasa Resource Center
- Mile High Youth Corp
- Prodigy Ventures
- Second Chance Center
- Servicios de La Raza
- Urban Peak
- Volunteers of America
- Work Options
OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

We proudly say that there is "no wrong door" for the employer and jobseeker communities to access our range of free services. In addition to the wealth of contracted partners delivering to various targeted populations throughout the city, this year we updated and operated three in-person Denver Workforce Centers, all open for walk-ins and appointments Monday-Thursday, 9 A.M. – 4 P.M.

During the pandemic, we made a critical pivot to a “call center” approach so that our main line would always be answered live during business hours. It was so successful that 720-337-WORK (9675) continues to welcome the community to access our services, along with our intake email address of workforce@denvergov.org.

Whether it’s in person, virtual or online assistance, Denver Workforce Development is truly open for business and ready to meet jobseekers and employers where they are.

CALL, CLICK, OR COME IN!

Denver Workforce Development has workforce centers open from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Monday – Thursday for walk-ins and appointments.

**Denver Workforce Center at Webb**
201 W Colfax Ave, Denver, CO 80202

**Denver Workforce Center at Montbello**
4685 Peoria St., Suite 251, Denver, CO 80239

**Denver Workforce Center at Denver International Airport**
8500 Peña Blvd, Jeppesen Terminal, Southeast side of level 6, Denver, CO 80249

Email: Workforce@denvergov.org
Call: 720 - 337 - WORK (9675)
Partner Highlight
From a parent of a youth in the Denver Public Schools / Denver Youth Employment Program:

“When my son decided he wanted to find a job at 14, the options were limited, so when the opportunity with DYEP came up after he turned 15, we were both thrilled. He mostly wanted to make money, but I wanted him to have an opportunity to learn how to be a good employee. I wanted him to be taken under someone’s wing and shown the ropes. That is what the DYEP opportunity gave to him. We are both grateful for the kindness that was given and the skills learned. He had a safe and nurturing place to go, was paid nicely, learned a lot, and came away with more confidence and experience to apply to any job he wants.”

Impact Story:
The difference that Denver Workforce Development makes

A participant in the Denver Youth Employment Program (DYEP) wrote to us:

“It was really great getting to earn my own money and learning more about responsibilities like time management and money management. Being part of a team was new to me, and it helped me understand what that would look like on a professional level. I would highly recommend this internship to other students because it’s a good way to learn how to manage your money, how to manage your time, and receive new skills to add to your resume for future jobs.”
Partner Highlight
Featuring a participant at the Second Chance Center / Apprenticeship Readiness Program:

“Our participant successfully transitioned from that ‘right now’ job as a day laborer into a livable-wage role in a trade even before completing the pre-apprenticeship training. He is a model of hard work, dedication and follow-through. He has completed all of his certifications (including Industrial Athlete, OSHA 10, CPR, and First Aid). He is currently living in a community corrections facility, working toward independent living. His goals for the future include owning his own home, and he is well on the way. This work would not be possible without Denver Workforce Development and the Denver Construction Careers Program (DCCP) team, WorkNow, the Construction Industry Training Council, the Colorado Building and Trades Council, our employer partners, and the various unions.”

Impact Story:
The difference that Denver Workforce Development makes

A single mom lost her job in business development post-pandemic as her employer shifted its marketing approach to a virtual model. The woman began to collect unemployment to raise her two children, and moved back in with her mom to remain housed. She enrolled in the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) program through Denver Workforce Development. Determined eligible for the RecoverCO grant, she received funding for online education and excelled, receiving a certification to help add depth to her resume. Her career coach helped her expand her networking skills through LinkedIn. The woman landed employment and is on the path to financial self-sufficiency.
Colorado Women’s Education and Employment (CWEE): Education, employment, and career pathways support was provided to 170 participants, and the wraparound services included digital literacy and job readiness.

CommunityWorks: More than 150 individuals transitioning from the justice system received career exploration, job skills, and pre-apprenticeship training using the proven three-step approach (find an immediate job to restabilize, then find a better job, then identify a career).

Denver Public Schools / Denver Youth Employment Program: With a comprehensive wraparound support model including time and money management, provided 278 income-qualified youth with paid work-based learning experiences garnering almost $603,000 in wages—average earnings nearly $2,000 per youth.

Jewish Family Services: A combination of jobseeker supports and employer service delivery served 293 participants, with those entering employment averaging $20/hour.

Mile High Youth Corps: More than 100 youth completed career readiness training and post-secondary education preparation classes in four categories: land conversation, energy and water conservation, health care, and construction. 80 graduates earned industry-recognized credentials.

Prodigy Ventures: More than 50 participants in this service/culinary curriculum this year participated in pre-apprenticeship training, with 40 earning industry-recognized credentials and 39 entering employment.

Second Chance Center / Apprenticeship Readiness: This career path program serving people experiencing community re-entry achieved an 81% graduation rate with an average hourly wage of $22.84.

Work Options: Provided culinary training, cognitive behavior training (CBT), job readiness, and financial health classes to more than 200 participants earning industry-recognized credentials, plus the option of paid work experiences.
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