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U.P. Michigan Works! Promotes Participation in Apprenticeships

Upper Peninsula residents can earn while they learn in a registered apprenticeship program

UPPER PENINSULA, Mich—Upper Peninsula Michigan Works! encourages Michiganders to learn more about apprenticeships and the benefits of taking part in an apprenticeship program.

Participating in a program comes with its benefits. According to the Department of Labor, the average starting wage after completing a registered apprenticeship program is \$72,000. Additionally, workers who complete registered apprenticeship programs earn \$300,000 more over a career than their peers who don't.

Apprenticeship opportunities are available throughout the Upper Peninsula and the state. For more information about these opportunities, job seekers are invited to call their local U.P. Michigan Works! office at 1-800-285-9675.

"An apprenticeship can fast-track your career and increase your earning potential," said Connor Powell, Apprenticeship Coordinator with Upper Peninsula Michigan Works! "We invite you to explore your opportunities. New and exciting programs are on the horizon!"

Apprenticeship programs allow you to earn while you learn, reducing your potential debt. They also lead to long-term employment more often than not. According to the Department of Labor, 92% of apprentices retain employment after completing a registered apprenticeship program.

Job seekers are not the only beneficiaries of the apprenticeship model. Employers can develop a talent pipeline, increase retention, and ensure adequate training of their employees by implementing an apprenticeship program. To learn more about developing a registered apprenticeship program within your organization, call U.P. Michigan Works! at 1-800-285-9675.

Those who are looking to earn while they learn, reduce their potential debt, and enter the skilled trades are invited to contact U.P. Michigan Works! to learn more about their options in regard to registered apprenticeships. By entering an apprenticeship program, you are taking a positive step towards a long-lasting career. For more information on apprenticeships and apprenticeship programs, please visit apprenticeship.gov or call U.P. Michigan Works! at 1-800-285-9675.

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