

MISSION:

to facilitate workforce development
to support the growth, retention,
attraction and creation of business in the area.

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to be the region's "go to" organization
for workforce development expertise,
support and services that help build the
workforce of the future.

KEY STRATEGIES

- Identify existing and future workforce needs of area employers
- Identify workforce solutions that address the needs of area employers
- Increase employer and community awareness of SWS and its services
- Increase and diversify sources of funding
- Secure additional strategic partners for The Job Center
- Determine a process for the development of SWS products and services

CORE VALUES

- Collaboration and partnership with others to serve the common good of Summit County and the region
- Customer-focused, high quality workforce development services
- Sustained workforce development initiatives over time
- Innovative, progressive and proactive decision-making
- Prosperity through education and knowledge
- Leadership within the community by board and staff

It's important to know that

words don't move mountains.

Work, exacting work moves mountains.

- Danilo Dolci

Since its inception, **Summit Workforce Solutions' (SWS)** goal has been to empower the area's employers and workers through education, training and employment services. **SWS** is looking toward the future to ensure that our workforce continues to strengthen and therefore sustain our vibrant and growing region.

Summit Workforce Solutions, with funding from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and Akron Tomorrow, worked with the Greater Akron Chamber and the County of Summit to develop a world-class workforce facility offering employers, workers and job seekers an array of services. The Job Center, which opened in August 2006, houses more than 20 partnering agencies that offer services including expanded youth programs, on-site childcare, transportation and extended hours.

Taking the next natural step, **Summit Workforce Solutions** now has its sights set squarely on ensuring long-term empowerment of the area's workforce.



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