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## FM Spring Job Fair

Fargo Workforce Center's Semi-Annual Job Fair

There is something special about seeing a room filled with people showing up for their future and that is exactly what made this year's FM Spring Job Fair so impactful.

We were thrilled to welcome 441 job seekers, each bringing their own goals, experiences, and hopes for what's next. Throughout the event, you could feel the energy as conversations sparked, connections were made, and new opportunities began to take shape.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the 51 employers who showed up ready to engage and invest in our local workforce.

We were also proud to partner with 10 community organizations, who joined us to offer resources and support. Their involvement helped ensure attendees had access to more than just job openings such as housing, childcare, vocational support, advanced training opportunities, and access to tools for long-term success.

Another rewarding part of the day was our Practice Interview area, where 25 individuals took a step in preparing for their next opportunity. Watching confidence grow in real time was a powerful reminder of why these events matter.

Thank you to Goldmark Property Management, Kelly Services, Rural MN CEP, and the Job Service team who provided guidance and encouragement for these individuals working on their skills.

Events like the FM Spring Job Fair are more than just hiring opportunities as they are about people, progress, and community. We are grateful to everyone who participated and helped make the day such a meaningful success. Thank you!



# Five Years Strong: Virtual Job Fair Continues to Drive Workforce Connections



We extend a sincere thank you to the 114 employers who made our 2026 Virtual Job Fair a success. This year's theme, Five Years Strong: Find Where You Belong, celebrated five years of connecting talent with opportunity while encouraging job seekers to pursue careers where they can thrive.

The event drew 683 job seekers from 29 states—including an impressive 566 from North Dakota—demonstrating strong local engagement. Even more notable was the level of interaction, with over 1,200 private chats and 2,500 page visits. This high engagement reflects the commitment of our employers and the strength of North Dakota's workforce.

For employers who haven't yet participated, our Virtual Job Fair offers a powerful, no-cost way to connect with talent—whether you're hiring for one position or several. You can showcase openings, chat directly with candidates, and review resumes all in one place.

We appreciate your continued partnership and the role you play in building a strong workforce across North Dakota. We look forward to collaborating with you at future events and continuing to connect talent with opportunity.



## Success Story: Strength, Resilience, and New Beginnings

The New American Employment Program is proud to celebrate Nancy and Patrick, whose journey reflects perseverance, hope, and resilience.

Since arriving in the United States in 2024, they have faced significant challenges. After initially applying and paying for Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) under their parolee status, unexpected changes required them to reapply for asylum, leading to additional delays before they could legally work. Despite these setbacks, they remained patient and determined.

Throughout this time, the New American Employment Program provided consistent support and encouragement. Nancy later shared that this connection made a meaningful difference during some of their most difficult moments.

When they finally received work authorization, their perseverance paid off - both Nancy and Patrick were hired on the spot during their first interviews at Sam's Club. Overjoyed, they shared the exciting news with friends and family around the world, celebrating a long-awaited milestone.

Their story is not just about employment, it highlights the strength of the human spirit and the impact of support, opportunity, and belief. The New American Employment Program remains committed to helping New Americans build brighter futures and contribute to their communities.



# Upcoming Recruitment Events

## Talent Tuesday Hiring Event, April 28

1pm to 3pm at the Fargo Workforce Center

[Please click here to register!](#)

## Fair Chance Job Fair, June 4

11am to 1:30pm at the Fargo Workforce Center

[Please click here to register!](#)

## WorkReady Expo, June 23

3pm to 6pm at the Moorhead LOOP  
Call Rural MN CEP for more info  
218.846.7400

## Talent Tuesday Hiring Event, July 28

1pm to 3pm at the Fargo Workforce Center

[Please click here to register!](#)

## Summer Summit for Youth, July 29-30

12:30pm to 4:30pm at the Fargo Workforce Center

[Please click here to learn more!](#)

# Pat Bertagnolli Announces Retirement

Gov. Kelly Armstrong expressed appreciation for Job Service North Dakota Executive Director Pat Bertagnolli as he announced his retirement, effective June 12. Armstrong highlighted Bertagnolli's energy, passion, and commitment to sharing North Dakota's opportunities, along with his efforts to reduce barriers to employment and connect job seekers with meaningful careers. Since stepping into the role in February 2022, Bertagnolli helped move key workforce initiatives forward, strengthen partnerships, and expand programs that support both employers and job seekers. He also championed youth engagement and collaboration across the state. Bertagnolli shared his gratitude for the opportunity to serve, recognizing the dedication of the Job Service team and the strong partnerships that made the work possible.

\*The Fargo team extends their sincere appreciation for Pat's leadership and will truly miss working with him.



[Full Article: Job Service ND Executive Director Pat Bertagnolli to retire in June](#)

## Important WOTC Notice!

North Dakota's new online WOTC system launches [April 15](#). The current system will go offline [March 31](#) at 12:00 pm CDT for data migration. Hold any applications not submitted by that time until the new system is live. April filing deadline exceptions will apply. Login details will be shared ahead of launch.

## Important Contact Information

Fargo Workforce Center - 701.239.7300  
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Unemployment Insurance Claims -  
701.328.4995

Unemployment Insurance Employer -  
701.328.2866

Employer Unemployment Tax - 701.328.2814

Job Service Website - [jobsnd.com](http://jobsnd.com)

## Recurring Local Events

- WIOA Orientation - Weekly Tuesday, 1:30pm
- Talent Tuesday - Last Tuesday of the month
  - [See Schedule](#)
- Cass County Jail Outreach -
  - 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month
- Jamestown Prison - Once per Month
  - Rotating Virtual and In-Person Sessions
- Fargo Public Library - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month

## Other Resources

Secretary of State - 701.328.2900

Workforce Safety Insurance - 800.777.5033

Department of Labor - 701.328.2600