Summer Summit: Preparing the Workforce of Tomorrow

The Fargo Workforce Center hosted a two-day Summer Summit for Youth designed to inspire, educate, and equip youth ages 16–21 as they plan for their future. This year, 19 individuals registered and 11 actively participated, representing four languages: English, Arabic, Swahili, and Sudanese Arabic. With interpreters and accommodations provided, every participant had the opportunity to engage fully.

Day One: Wellness & Career Readiness
- Mental Health & Coping Strategies: Rory Beil of Clay County Public Health led a session on mental health, giving youth practical tools to manage stress.
- WIOA Services Presentation: Tonya and Jen introduced participants to WIOA services, sparking lively questions and discussions.
- Career Exploration Games:
    - Interview Jenga to practice job interview questions while playing Jenga.
    - Career Pong where participants registered for VOS accounts and played a fun, interactive game to learn about career pathways.

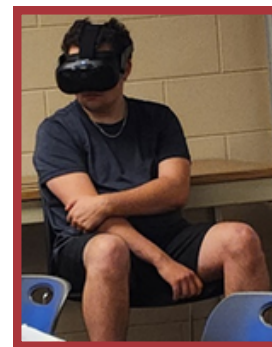Day Two: Real-World Insights & Hands-On Learning
- Work Experience Panel: Two participants shared their career journeys and how WIOA has supported their success.
- Cash Confidence: Katelyn from Freedom Resource engaged youth with practical tips on budgeting and financial management.
- Alerus Financial Booth: Participants connected directly with representatives and one youth opened a bank account on-site, while another explored a career in banking.
- CareerViewXR Virtual Reality: Heather introduced VR goggles that allowed participants to "experience" different career paths in an immersive way.

Participants left with new tools, connections, and confidence to take meaningful steps toward their future careers.

Save the Date! July 30–31, 2026
The Summer Summit will return next summer, and we are looking for business partners and sponsors to help make it a success. From speaking on panels to hosting interactive activities, your involvement can make a lasting impact on our future workforce.
Interested in being part of the 2026 workshop? Contact Kelsey at the Fargo Workforce Center today!

Thank You to our Sponsors

ASN Constructors · Caribou COFFEE · ALERUS · SCHEELS EMPLOYEE OWNED · MARVIN · Coca-Cola Bottling Company HIGH COUNTRY · LWT Lynnes Welding Training FARGO & BISMARCK ND • RAMSEY MN

EVENTS EVENTS

Upcoming Hiring Events

FM Fall Job Fair, October 14
- 1pm to 4pm at the Delta Hotel in Fargo
- Please click the link below for more info and to register.
  Fargo Workforce Center Job Fairs | Job Service North Dakota

Talent Tuesday, November 25
- 1pm to 3pm at the Fargo Workforce Center
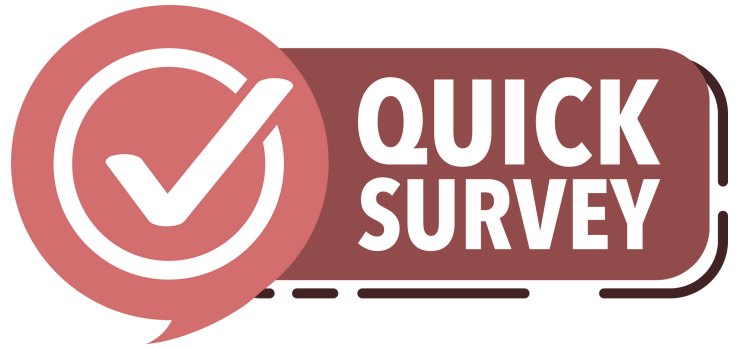- Please click here to register!

For HR: Work Smarter, Not Harder!

What makes a competitive benefits package in your industry? In your area? For your company's size? Find your answers in our Benefits Guide at www.ndlmi.com. (Under the Quick Links on the right side) At Job Service's Labor Market Information Center (LMI), we have created the Benefits Guide using survey responses from over 5,000 North Dakota employers. Access the data quickly using our Benefits Guide dashboard or check out the Benefits Trends Report for a look at ongoing trends.

Check your mailbox! You may have received a Benefits Survey from us. If you did, please take 5-10 minutes to fill it out and send it back. We want to hear from you! Responses from employers like you help us create products like the Benefits Guide.

Data from the 2025 survey will be published in our Benefits Guide and Benefits Trends Report in February 2026. Contact Sydney Sweep Bauman at ssweep@nd.gov or (701) 328-2846 with questions about the survey or our data.

The Job Pod

Join Dusty Hillebrand on The Job Pod where he talks with North Dakota employers about their businesses. Learn about job-getting skills and explore careers in North Dakota.

Whether you're recruiting, looking for your next job, or just like learning about other careers, you'll find something to love on The Job Pod - the place for North Dakota's career conversations.

New episodes publish monthly!

THE JOB POD
with Dusty Hillebrand
EVERYTHING JOB RELATED IN NORTH DAKOTA
jobsnd.com/job-pod
The Job Pod @ Spotify
NORTH Dakota | Job Service
Be Legendary.

Attention Employers!
JOIN US at the
FM FALL JOB FAIR

REGISTER NOW!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM CT
DELTA HOTEL - FARGO
JOBSND.COM/JOBFAIR

NORTH Dakota | Job Service
Be Legendary.

jobsHQ
MWC Advertising
FARGO-MOORHEAD