



WORKFORCE Development Resources

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Portage County Resources

Job Center Locations

Job Center of Wisconsin: Comprehensive Job Center - Wisconsin Rapids, WI

<https://tinyurl.com/ya2w9m5r>

320 W. Grand Ave., Suite 102 Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495 / 715-422-5000 / Fax: 715-422-5026 / Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Offers tools and resources to assist job seekers, including: workshops, skills and interest testing, and career advice.

Employment and Training

Forward Service Corporation

<http://www.fsc-corp.org/>

1100 Center Point Drive, Suite D Stevens Point, WI 54481 / 715-544-1562 / Fax: 715-544-1563 / info@fsc-corp.org / **Open by appointment only.**

A non-profit corporation focused on four areas: jobs, education and training, transportation, and housing. Not all programs and services are available in all counties and locations. Programs from Forward Service Corporation:

Wisconsin Works (W2) – Wisconsin’s TANF (Temporary Aid for Needy Families) program, provides cash assistance for families, while participants prepare and apply for work.

FSET (FoodShare Employment and Training) - Provides food assistance through FoodShare to families while participants prepare and gain job skills.

Emergency Assistance - Assists families who’ve had- or are- in danger of having utilities to their home shut off.

WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) - Helps job seekers find employment training, education opportunities, financial aid, and career guidance.

CAP Services, Inc.

<https://capservices.org/>

2900 Hoover Road, Suite A, Stevens Point, WI 54481 / 715-343-7500 / Fax: 715-343-7520

A not-for-profit corporation providing employment, health access, housing, transportation, and economic development services. Services are offered in central and eastern counties of Wisconsin, including Portage and Wood.

CAP Services Inc.: Skills Enhancement Program - Portage County

<https://capservices.org/what-we-do/job-skills-economic-security/skills/>

715-343-7102 / 715-340-5357 (cell) / Jessica Rocha – Skills Development Manager /

jrocha@capmail.org

Designed with people living at 200% or below [Federal Poverty Level](#) the program assists with tuition, child care, and transportation needs of participants. Participants must be pursuing training in a career that will lead to a living wage and employment with employer-sponsored healthcare.

CAP Services, Inc.: Wheels N Work - Portage and Wood Counties

<https://capservices.org/what-we-do/housing-transportation/wnw/>

715-343-7138 / Jean Cook – Business Development Coordinator jcook@capmail.org

A low- to no-interest auto loan program for employed, low-income participants. Restrictions and other eligibility requirements apply.

Community Resources

Community Resource Directory 2017

<https://tinyurl.com/y99aomje>

Developed through a collaboration between United Way of Portage County, Aging & Disability Resource Center, and Portage County Health and Human Services. It is a comprehensive listing of services for residents including: health, finance, employment, education, and housing.

United Way of Portage County: Help for Hard Times

<https://tinyurl.com/y8hx6a8q>

1100 Centerpoint Drive, Ste 302. Stevens Point, WI 54481 / 715-341-6740

Created by United Way. Several locations throughout Wisconsin. The areas of service include: education, financial stability, health, and safety net services (housing and food). The 2-1-1 referral service is available to locate services and organizations by location.

Community Information

2017 Economic and Workforce Profile: Portage County (9 pages)

<https://tinyurl.com/ydcdwgky>

The report begins with a statewide workforce profile, then details Portage County. Major municipalities and industries in the county are listed. Projected growth areas are featured in the guide. The publication was created by the North Central Workforce Development Board - Department of Workforce Development.

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Portage County Summary - WORKnet (1 page)

<https://tinyurl.com/yauzvc33>

A one-page snapshot of the economic status of industries in Portage County. The snapshot includes: major industries, wages, unemployment data, and population statistics in an easily digestible format.

ALICE in Portage County (1 page)

<https://tinyurl.com/ydaj6gkn>

ALICE, an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed, are households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county (the ALICE Threshold). Combined, the number of poverty and ALICE households equals the total population struggling to afford basic needs. The report was created by United Way.

North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board

<http://ncwwdb.org/>

3118 Post Road, Suite A. Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-204-1640 / Email: info@ncwwdb.org

One of eleven regional workforce development boards around the state. The workforce development board plans and oversees federal and state-funded workforce development programs. Northcentral Wisconsin Workforce Development Board extends from Adams County to the north central part of the state in a region known as Workforce Development Area 6.



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