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NO WORKER LEFT BEHIND



Colleagues,

Today, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm launched the State of Michigan's historic No Worker Left Behind (NWLB) initiative. NWLB is a time-limited free tuition program to help Michigan workers get training and new jobs and to help Michigan employers find great workers for their job openings.

You can click on these special links for a [Fact sheet](#) and a [Q & A sheet](#) to learn all about the program and respond to media inquiries you may receive in the field. Meanwhile, here is the latest news on today's historic launch:

- Governor Granholm Addresses the Presidents of Michigan's Community Colleges
- Governor Granholm launches No Worker Left Behind initiative
- No Worker Left Behind implementation training conducted

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Governor Granholm Addresses the Presidents of Michigan's Community Colleges

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Today, Governor Granholm addressed the Presidents of Michigan's Community Colleges at the annual meeting of the Michigan Community College Association in Traverse City, where she thanked them for their help in preparing for the No Worker Left Behind initiative. Governor Granholm discussed her vision of how the role of Michigan's Community Colleges is critical in Michigan's economic transformation. She emphasized how the No Worker Left Behind initiative is an "employer driven" initiative, designed to fill current and anticipated vacancies in an accelerated timeframe, and to capitalize on short-term training being provided by the colleges. She then challenged the Presidents to be responsive and nimble to the needs of employers and potential employees, and urged a strong collaboration among training institutions, employers and Michigan Works! Agency offices in order for this initiative to succeed.

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Governor Granholm launches No Worker Left Behind initiative

Immediately after meeting with the Presidents, the Governor held a press conference to launch the No Worker Left Behind initiative to the public. Attending this press conference were employers, as well as job seekers, who each emphasized how a collaborative effort between the training institution and the Michigan Works! Agency was a critical component in them finding qualified employees, or in the case of the workers, becoming gainfully employed. These are true success stories, and are examples of what No Worker Left Behind aims to replicate by assisting 100,000 Michigan residents over the next 3 years.

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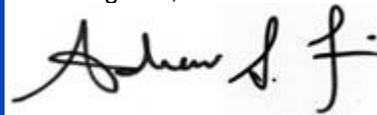
No Worker Left Behind implementation training conducted

In anticipation of today's launch date, staff from the Department of Labor & Economic Growth just completed training workshops in five locations around Michigan designed to provide guidance and implementation direction regarding No Worker Left Behind. Attendees included staff from local Michigan Works! Agency offices, contractors of those offices, colleges and universities, and proprietary schools. Over 350 persons attended these sessions, and the feedback was very positive. More training on specific processes, such as necessary modifications to the databases and tracking systems, are anticipated in the coming weeks.

Remember to visit our website, www.michigan.gov/nwlb for future updates. As always, we're open to additional ideas!

More to come soon . . .

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Levin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "A" and a distinct "L".

Andy Levin, Deputy Director
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