

**Jules with MDCWI
Questions**

What benefits did you hope for when you decided to be part of the RSA?

I wanted to experience networking, with a variety of players and providers. As well as promote the work that our agency does.

So far, of the benefits you expected, which have you actually seen?

Both. The networking is a great opportunity to build relationships. It has especially strengthen my relationship with WSU as well as PHI.

Were there benefits other than those you expected?

"I learned more than I thought I would, about the aging and nursing home industry." Got broader, bigger, pictures of both. Learned more detail than I would have ever thought. Surprised to learn about parallel project with MDCWIWA similar to Kazoo. Real voice the group has had to make policy. i.e. CNA curriculum.

What results are you expected from the RSA over the next year or two?

advocacy and changes at state level policy level to support not only funding and training but, a different level of understanding that employers need. Of entry level workers needs. Under represented employees most entry level is thought of as McDonalds.

Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statements, and, especially why:

a. "MiRSAs" are much better way for government to work with business"
Agree

b. They make Michigan a more attractive location for business.
Agree, seems friendlier.

c. My participation improves the odds that my business will succeed.
Certainly, It fits in to our strategic plan.

d. It has already had an impact on my bottom line.
No.

- e. The RSA has other kinds of value to my business.
It adds strategic long term name recognition.
- f. I would encourage other employers to get involved with a MiRSA.

Definitely. They would be surprised how much information sharing there is. Working together we have a collective view of same problem so, let's solve it together.

The notes above are an accurate account of my interview regarding the Michigan Regional Skills Alliances in which I participate. I authorize the RSA and the State of Michigan to disseminate the story publicly.

- You may use my name and the name of my business.
- You may not use identifying information, only the content of the interview

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Signature

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Date