Partnering for Prosperity: Leveraging Workforce Development Boards in Economic Growth Strategies









What we are covering

Purpose: Address how LWDBs can support or lead economic development strategies

Focus: Strategic Planning Collaboration

Discussion: Emphasize interdisciplinary collaboration

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FULL-SERVICE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONSULTING

- Strategic Planning
- Workforce Development
- Real Estate Market Analysis
- Economic & Fiscal Impact
- Prospecting Business Attraction
- Industry Analytics
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation

In business since

1999

25 full-time employees



We have worked in

46

US states and territories

We completed

200+

projects for our clients last year

Strategic Planning for Economic Development

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Strategic planning provides a living vehicle for community leaders to think strategically, to make sound decisions in a sea of game-changing circumstances, to focus efforts and to develop consensus for collaboratively solving problems.



CAMOIN'S APPROACH TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



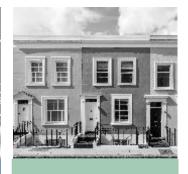
Business
Retention &
Expansion



New Business Attraction



Infrastructure & Sites



Housing



Place, Qualify of Life (QoL)



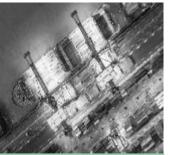
Targeted
Industries &
Clusters



E-SHIP & Innovation



Workforce



Supply Chains



Small Business

6 million

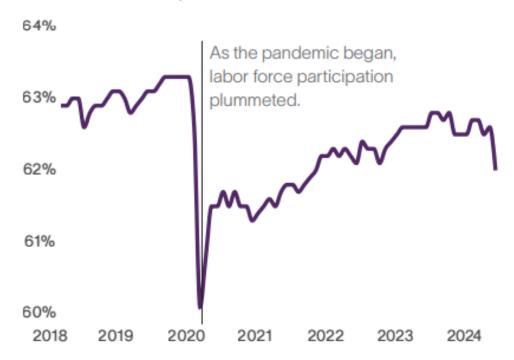
PROJECTED WORKER DEFICIT BY 2030, ACCORDING TO THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

Source: Lightcast, The Rising Storm

AN UNPRECEDENTED SCALE OF RETIREMENTS AND EXITS FROM THE LABOR FORCE.

The LFPR took a serious hit in 2020 and has not recovered since.

Labor Force Participation Rate



Out of the 5 million people who have left the labor force since 2020, 80% are over the age of 55.

Source: Lightcast, The Rising Storm

"Comparing future workforce projections to present labor-market needs, demand already dwarfs supply. That math doesn't add up."

"Without foreign-born workers, the US labor force would have shrunk over the past five years."

"Even though more women than ever are in the labor force, the share of US-born women is lower than it was in 2019. "

"Demand for AI skills is highest in office-based professional sectors"

Opportunities for Collaboration

Retooling & Adjusting



Case study: Greene County





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Demystification

- Who are the partners/stakeholders and what do they do?
- What are the agreements in place? Are they working?
- Engage leadership

Identifying Commonalities

- Mutually supported goals and strategies
- Workforce and ED crossovers (housing, business ARE, emerging markets)

Strengthening the Partnership

Board recruitment, new initiatives, regular meetings



Case study: Greene County

Strengthened Initiatives:

- Financing programs requiring job creation
- Board positions
- KPI Collaboration & Data Sharing

New Ventures:

- Housing Assessments
- Workforce Skill Assessment
- LPN Program Consult
- Wraparound Service Enhancement
- Expanded Resource Center to Catskill



Case study: Chautauqua County





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- Strategic Planning Process
- Creating the CCPEG
- 5 Pillars
- Advisory Board and Workgroups
- The Results
- The Continuing Work

CCPEG's 5 Pillars



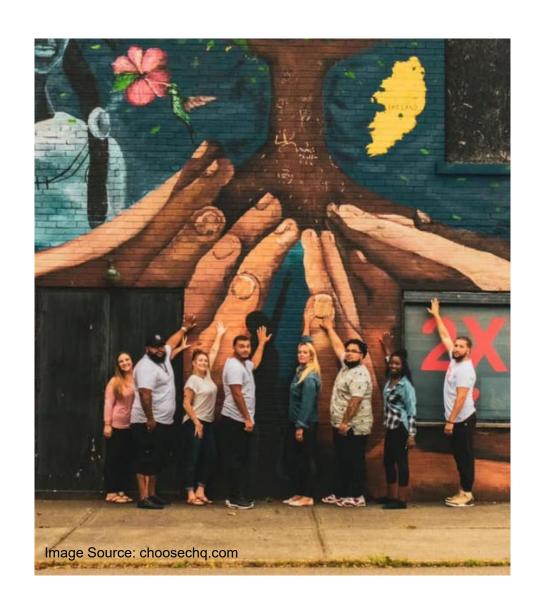
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The Collaboration:

- Everyday Business Examples
- Attraction & Retention Initiatives
- Leveraging Opportunities

The Labor Shortage:

- Impacts All of Our Work
- Unemployment Insurance 101
- Increasing Workforce Participation





In Your Own Words:

What has worked well (or has been a challenge!) in your region?

Action Items to Increase Collaboration

- Engage often and early with your counterpart
- Have monthly meetings on your calendars
- Build deep relationships across organizations
- Meet with businesses together and share business retention and expansion (BRE) data
- Co-locate
- Identify the champions
- Start where there is momentum
- Sit on each other's boards
- Involve your elected officials
- Educate stakeholders

Interested in Learning More? Reach out!

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