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NEXT LEVEL JOBS

# PIPELINE. PROGRESS. PATH.

A plan for helping Indiana workers  
and job creators continue to succeed.



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## **DEAR FELLOW HOOSIER,**

When it comes to creating new jobs and opportunities for our people, Indiana continues to punch above its weight! That’s why we’ve become a magnet for businesses across the globe that are betting on Indiana’s future, our people and the big investments we have made in ourselves.

But tomorrow’s jobs require tomorrow’s skills, and the fact is a high school diploma just isn’t good enough anymore. Nearly every new job requires some training after high school, and Hoosiers must be ready to learn new skills from preschool to retirement. As jobs and the skills they require change, Indiana is making sure no one is left behind.

That’s what Next Level Jobs is all about. Together, we are seeing to it that our children get off to a strong start and continue on a path to adult success, our working adults get training that matches the jobs of today and tomorrow, and job creators have the support they need to keep on growing.

- The Next Level Jobs **PIPELINE** focuses tools and support from education to employment to move more Hoosiers into high-demand jobs.
- Next Level Jobs **PROGRESS** means we are keeping score and making gains every day.
- The Next Level Jobs **PATH** for the future focuses us in the right direction and on what we need to prepare Hoosiers for success as our economy changes.

As a state, we know we need to fill more than a million jobs over the next 10 years. That will require training beyond high school for hundreds of thousands of Hoosiers—training that will mean new opportunities for families like yours for generations to come while meeting the workforce needs of small, medium, and large businesses in every community.

Next Level Jobs is an investment in you, our cities and towns, and our state.

Thanks for your continued support!

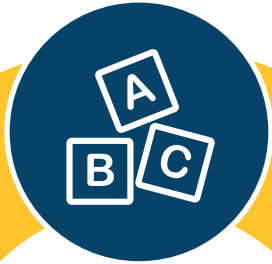
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Governor, State of Indiana

# PIPELINE.

From preschool to employment,  
we're preparing every Hoosier for career success.



## A STRONG START

Expanded pre-kindergarten  
for every child

## A PATH TO ADULT SUCCESS

Focus on STEM & computer  
science for every student



## REAL OPPORTUNITY

Tuition-free certificates  
in high-demand fields.

Scholarships based on  
need, merit and profession.



## EMPLOYER TOOLS FOR FINDING, TRAINING & RETAINING TALENT

Up to \$50,000  
reimbursement for  
training & retention in  
high-demand fields



# PROGRESS.

**NEXT LEVEL JOBS** has measurable results benefiting job candidates and employers.

**20**

About 20 employers are accessing employer training grants each day.

**11k+**

Over 11,000 adults enrolled through the Workforce Ready Grant.

**60**

On average, 60 Hoosiers apply for grants every day through NextLevelJobs.org.

**440+**

More than 440 businesses participate in the Employer Training Grant program.

Indiana's educational attainment rate (adults ages 25-64 with a workforce certificate or college degree) is increasing at a faster rate than the rest of the nation.

- Last year, Indiana's rate increased 1.5%, compared to 0.8% nationally.
- Since 2014, Indiana's rate has increased by 2.6% vs. 2% nationally.
- Among younger Hoosiers (ages 25-44), attainment grew by 2.1% vs. 0.8 nationally.
- Hoosier adults with a bachelor's degree grew by 4.3% from 2016 to 2017, with 8% growth in those earning a degree in a STEM subject.

Next Level Jobs is successfully connecting Hoosiers to education grants and employers to worker training grants.

- **JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES**, which helps high school students earn their diploma and pursue post-secondary education or employment, has a 90% success rate.
- The **YOU CAN. GO BACK.** program has helped over 14,000 Hoosier adults go back and finish their college degrees.
- The groundbreaking **THE LAST MILE** initiative and other programs are helping incarcerated individuals learn valuable skills, such as computer coding, to prepare for successful reentry to society.

# PATH.

Join us in the hard-but-fulfilling work of preparing Hoosiers for rewarding careers.

## OUR CURRENT GOALS

**1**

Get **25,000** Hoosiers with some college back on track to completion by 2019. (PROGRESS TO TARGET: 14,000+)

**2**

Get **30,000** Hoosier adults with no high school diploma back on track to graduation by 2019. (PROGRESS TO TARGET: 22,600+)

**3**

Create **10,000** new programs that give Hoosier students in K-12 and beyond quality career exploration and work-based learning opportunities by 2020. (PROGRESS TO TARGET: 4,540)

**4**

Move **1,000** Hoosiers in our prisons through high-demand training programs each year by 2020. (GOAL MET)

**5**

Engage **250** more employers in the Employer Training Grant Program by 2019. (GOAL MET)

**6**

Have **250** new Jobs for America's Graduates programs available to students in every eligible school by 2023. (PROGRESS TO TARGET: 19)

