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Workforce Development



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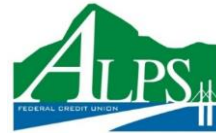
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CHAMBER BOARD 2022 Short-term PRIORITY

INCREASE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT by understanding the need of the business community and developing connections to bring workforce training opportunities and workforce housing.

2022 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE OBJECTIVES:

Identify workforce development needs and resources in focus sectors, identify potential cross-organizational collaborations and career pathways

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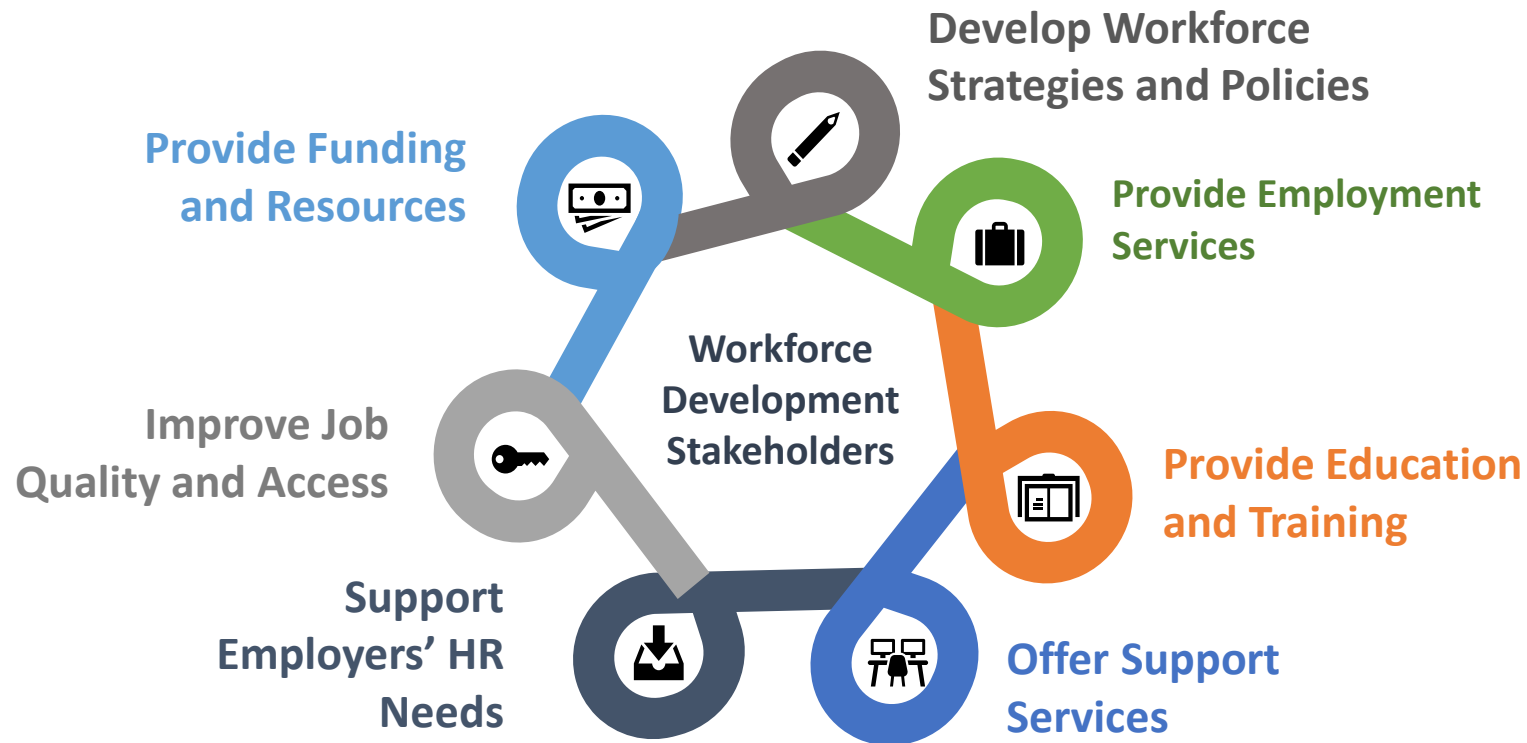
WHAT IS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT?

Economic Development systems encourage business and job growth.

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Workforce Development systems provide individuals the education, training and support they need to obtain jobs.

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By strengthening the **workforce development system** in Sitka, jobseekers can obtain the training and skills required for local jobs, and our employers have access to a skilled workforce.

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Why UAS Sitka is engaged in this conversation



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- Our mission is to serve Sitka and the surrounding communities, to offer programs that are relevant and responsive to our communities.
- With our expertise and history in delivering classes and programs remotely, we are uniquely positioned to creatively respond to challenges of our region.
- Our programs line up nicely with the focused industries identified by the Sitka Chamber of Commerce; fisheries, health care, trades etc.
- The focus of our campus is shorter term academic paths, occupational endorsements, 1-year certificates, two- year associate degree in addition to the traditional four-year bachelor programs.

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Recognizing workforce development is a continuum, UA established the following three-tier approach for meeting Alaska's workforce needs:

- **Pre-college programs** connect youth with career pathways and help them prepare for academic rigors.
- **Academic certificate and degree programs** prepare students for careers.
- **Professional development courses** provide continuing education to Alaska's workforce.

TOP WORKFORCE CHALLENGES



- Housing



- Training



- Childcare



Audience Input:

What are your comments on workforce needs?

Are there others to add?

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Audience Input:

What are your ideas for solutions in our community?

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!
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