



CommunityWorks Fund Priorities

ISSUE AREA 1
<p>Early Childhood Education Long-Term Vision: To have a large pool of educated providers who see themselves as professionals who take advantage of the ongoing opportunities to grow in their field. To educate parents on the benefits and value of choosing quality child care. Increase revenue streams for child care providers over and above parent fees and raise value / respect for child care profession.</p>
<p>Early Childhood Education Short-term Vision: Improve the quality and quantity of the region's child care settings.</p>
Goals
Encourage providers to maintain and improve the quality of their child care programs.
Increase community awareness of child care's impact on our communities.
Strengthen the relationship and involvement between parents, providers, and employers.
Improve provider retention in the child care field.
ISSUE AREA 2
<p>Workforce Development Long-Term Vision: Ensure current and future workers are prepared with the skills needed to fill a variety of existing, expanding, and new employment opportunities that provide livable wages and benefits to ensure workforce sustainability.</p>
<p>Workforce Development Short-term Vision: Improve essential and technical skills in the region.</p>
Goals
Identify high-priority workforce needs and individuals to help fill them.
Increase access to and participation in skills training to fulfill high-priority workforce needs.
Reduce barriers for individuals to enter the workforce.
Provide supports for individuals to successfully remain in the workforce.