

Our Mission

Workforce YOU is committed to fostering collaboration and driving initiatives with key stakeholders in Cass County. Our mission is to empower individuals and organizations by offering resources, guidance, and support to advance workforce development and sustainable economic growth. Together, we create opportunities that benefit the entire community.

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Hear From Our Partners!

Workforce YOU has been an asset to our department, helping to identify some of the critical issues surrounding the child care crisis in Missouri. The group continues to help bring key stakeholders together to discuss solutions, one step at a time. Our agency is grateful to be involved with Workforce YOU and for the relationships we have built through this group.

- Nancy Scherer, DESE Office of Childhood

The diversity of different industries and community leaders for collaboration and networking is of high value to all involved with Workforce YOU.

- Mike Himes, Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council



**Uniting Cass County
through Purpose-Driven
Action, Collaborative
Solutions & Workforce
Opportunities**

Core Focuses

Child Care

Addressing the critical issues of child care access, affordability, and quality, this initiative collaborates with providers, schools and advocacy groups to create lasting change.

- Expanding child care availability to meet rising demand
- Empowering providers with the resources and support they need
- Ensuring parents have reliable child care options to fully engage in the workforce

Housing

Focusing on affordable and stable housing, this effort brings together developers, housing agencies and government officials to promote solutions that support a thriving workforce.

- Enhancing housing quality, livability and availability of affordable housing for working families



Core Focuses

Education

Championing educational access and skill development, this group is dedicated to empowering individuals of all ages and backgrounds to succeed in today's ever-evolving job market. Through collaboration with schools, colleges, and workforce development programs, they strive to:

- Equip residents with the necessary skills for career success
- Broaden access to certifications, training, and degree opportunities

Transportation

Committed to breaking down transportation barriers, this team works with local transit authorities, employers, and community leaders to enhance access to affordable, reliable transportation.

- Expanding transit options to improve mobility for all residents
- Connecting individuals to employment, training, and essential services
- Strengthening partnerships to bridge gaps in transportation access

Why The Core Four?

Workforce YOU breaks down barriers to work—child care, transportation, housing, and education—through bold, collective, purpose-driven action in Cass County.

Events

Child Care Summit (July 2024)

Community partners, childcare providers, employers and service providers gathered to discuss the support and expansion of childcare capacity in Cass County. Participants heard from a keynote speaker, Myron McCant, panelists and brainstormed ways to improve childcare capacity.

Transportation Summit (Oct 2024)

Community partners, Kansas City Area Transit Authority (KCATA), Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), employers and service providers, gathered to discuss the support and expansion of transit and mobility options in Cass County. Participants heard from keynote speaker, Deasiray Bush, panelists and brainstormed ways to create transit opportunities.

Child Care Asset Mapping (March 2025)

The MU Extension led community leaders, providers and stakeholders through an asset mapping workshop to identify existing assets and resources in Cass County. Partners used the information gathered to build a more sustainable, accessible and high-quality child care system.