

Mission

With a task of adding 75,000 workers to Maine's workforce over the next 10 years, we are here to connect students and families to Maine's economy.

Vision

Workforce skills development will start with age-appropriate education and will grow to 100% of all Maine students having a paid internship between junior year and one year post high school graduation.

Values

Establish - Prepare
Invest - Connect

Career Exploration

Exploring Pathways for success in Workforce Participation and Post-Secondary Success.

Young people having the opportunity to explore and try careers while in high school and before enrolling in post-secondary can help with students that are undecided about their future. It can also be helpful for young people that know what they want to do but they want to try the career before they commit to it.

Supported Work Experience

Supported work experiences for success.

Each young person will have the opportunity to explore careers in a supported way that helps them to feel connected to Maine and an occupation.

Paid Work Experiences

Paid is the name of the game!

With the addition of Manpower as the staffing firm that will be the payment processor young people will have the opportunity to have a real work experience.

Manpower & Career Exploration Landing Page
<https://www.manpowermaine.com/maine-career-exploration-program/>

Employer Engagement

Connecting Employers to talent pathways and young people to better opportunities.

Employers will have the opportunity to engage with young people early on in their career planning to establish a professional connection to learn from. Employers are then able to make long term connections to their workforce needs.

Opportunity to Connect to the Maine Economy

With the relationship built with employers young people will have the opportunity to connect to the Maine Economy by staying in Maine

We know we have an aging workforce but we also know we have an untapped talent pool of young people that want to see themselves in Maine but don't have supports to do that yet.

