



Broward Workforce Development Board
2019 State Legislative Agenda

March 1, 2019

A. Support Governor DeSantis' Executive Order to:

- Evaluate, add, and strengthen career and technical education programs, including securing \$36 million for workforce programs within the Florida College System and for high quality apprenticeships and other industry specific learning opportunities, so Florida can become number 1 in the nation in workforce education by 2030 and to ensure Florida students are prepared for the jobs of the future.

B. Support the following Broward County Priorities from the Broward County Board of County Commissioners' 2019 State Legislative Program:

- Support policies and legislation that assists small and disadvantaged businesses through such capacity building components as access to banking and financing, insurance and bonding, business development, technical assistance trainings, workforce development, and mentor-protégé programming.
- Support \$85 million in funding for the Florida Job Growth Fund.

C. Support the following items from the Broward County Public School's 2019 State/Federal Legislative Priorities:

- Provide sufficient funding for workforce education for all Technical Colleges/Centers.
- Increase per-pupil funding through the Florida Education Finance Program, allowing Florida school districts to be competitive nationwide. Currently, the national average is approximately \$12,578, while in Florida the average is only \$7,408.
- Support the Apprenticeship and Jobs Training Act or similar legislation that will provide tax incentives to businesses that offer apprenticeship programs to students.

D. Support the Florida Chamber of Commerce 2019 Business Agenda, specifically:

- Supporting initiatives that create high-wage jobs and bring capital investment to Florida.
- Fueling an innovation economy by attracting targeted industries and emerging technology sectors.
- Creating an environment that fosters increased economic opportunity for all Floridians caught in the cycle of generational poverty.
- Expanding medical education opportunities and providing targeted training in key health education programs in order to address Florida's healthcare workforce shortage and growing population.



- E. Support the United Way of Broward County 2019 Public Policy Initiatives, particularly the section called “Financial Stability,” which proposes to:**
- Increase access to workforce housing and utilize the Sadowski Housing Trust only for its intended purpose.
 - Expand education and skills that diversify workforce development programs to close the skills gap in Florida.
- F. Support the Florida Children’s Council 2019 Public Policy Agenda, specifically:**
- Integrate Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher programming and other housing initiatives with CareerSource Florida’s workforce development programs to increase accessibility of affordable housing for families with young children in poverty.
 - Develop Summer Youth Employment Programs to assist youth in obtaining on-the-job experiences to better prepare them for full employment.
 - Reduce the number of children held in detention through increased access to evidence-based diversion programs and promote increased opportunities for career and technical education in the juvenile justice system.
- G. Support the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association’s 2019 Legislative Issues, specifically:**
- To renew the VISIT FLORIDA’s enabling legislation and establish the continued existence and operation of the successful and productive private public partnership.
- H. Support the Florida Manufacturing & Logistics Council’s (FMLC) 2019 Legislative Agenda, positions on economic, workforce and community development issues, specifically:**
- Support more robust funding for Florida’s Quick Response Training Program and endorse qualifying criteria that account for a broader spectrum of manufacturers.
- I. BWDB supports any effort by the state of Florida to ensure that there is a full census count.**