

Broward Workforce Development Board

2024 Legislative Agenda

1. Support Legislation that Expands Workforce Development and Apprenticeship Programs

Continue to support legislation and funding for this work-based training option. Apprenticeship programs help recruit and develop a highly skilled workforce while improving an employer's productivity, profitability, and bottom line.

2. Support Legislation that Expands Welfare Transition Program Options under Chapters 414 and 445, F. S.

- To allow for year-round work experience for at-risk youth.
- To allow for the use of WTP funds for additional support services during transition for a period of time to address the cliff effect.

3. Support Workforce Housing Legislation/Initiatives

Support full use of dedicated revenues under the Sadowski Affordable Housing Act for Broward's housing programs and projects, along with modifying the current Sadowski distribution formula to recognize the demand in both the homeowner and rental markets.

4. Support the use of Opportunity Zones and Census Property Tracts in WIOA Reauthorization for Eligibility Determination for Youth and Adults

Support Federal legislation in WIOA reauthorization to allow the use of Opportunity Zones for Youth and Adult eligibility rather than household size and income to streamline enrollment, as by definition, opportunity zones are low-income communities certified by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

5. Support Legislation that Provides Local Board Discretion in how Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Funds are Spent

Support Federal legislation to amend WIOA to allow local boards the flexibility to decide the percentage of funds budgeted to expend on in-school and out-of-school youth services in a manner that serves the maximum number of youth and best suits the needs of the local communities and economy.



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