

the JOSEPH PROJECT



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Connecting those genuinely seeking opportunity with opportunities that already exist.

The Joseph Project is a faith-based jobs initiative to connect people with jobs. Participants go through a weeklong life skills training program and then are offered a chance to interview with companies looking to hire.

746

PARTICIPANTS

Joseph Project participants are told they "have to want it."

505

NEW EMPLOYEES

Men and women of all ages have found life-changing employment.

21

COMPANIES

Employers in four Wisconsin counties hire from Joseph Project.



Alvin Savage

"My goal is to help end poverty. Their goal is to help us succeed."



Beth Hansen

"Be teachable, trainable & grateful. It opens doors."



Cory Prescott

"My team looks for a willingness to work, but then our team becomes family."

No Tax Dollars

The Joseph Project uses no federal or state funding.

The project started as a constituent service through the office of U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson. While traveling the state, the senator found that manufacturers' number one concern was not having enough workers. Yet when he visited central city neighborhoods, the problem was not enough jobs. Johnson staffers work with Pastor Jerome Smith of Greater Praise Church of God in Christ to identify people ready for a life change, based on their attitude and determination. Once a month, a new Joseph Project group attends free weeklong sessions at the church. The classes, taught by volunteers, cover topics such as teamwork, time management, financial management, conflict resolution and spiritual fitness. Participants who finish the week get a job interview with employers who are looking to hire.

**“When you succeed,
others will succeed
too.” —Sen. Ron Johnson**



Transportation

The Joseph Project removes the biggest barrier to employment – not having a ride to work.

Every participant is offered the opportunity to get to work via the Joseph Project shuttles. The vans run 24/7 to make sure all shifts are covered. Due to the project's success, several vans have been donated to the program. Participants are offered 30 days free transportation, and then each worker pays a nominal fee for their daily transportation to and from work.

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Pastor Jerome Smith with Kenyetta Williams, the 100th Joseph Project participant to find work.