



## Ramsey County Workforce Investment Board

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# What is the WIB?

The Ramsey County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) exists to serve the business and job seeker customers in Ramsey County through innovative partnerships within the community. Members serve on the board to oversee the area's workforce development initiatives and to define opportunities for improvement within the system.

The Ramsey County WIB is one of many WIBs across the country directed by the federal government, through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998, to unify and further develop the workforce system, which includes employment training, literacy and vocational rehabilitation programs. Services focus on those who have been dislocated from their job, those who need rehabilitative services in order to gain employment, and low-income youth, adults and families. These services are found within the Minnesota WorkForce Centers, of which Ramsey County has two. The centers also have services for the "Universal Customer," encompassing anyone who comes to the WorkForce Center to use the job seeking resources available.

### Who is on the WIB?

The WIB is comprised of community leaders in business, community-based organizations, education, labor, economic development, local elected officials and workforce system staff. The board has 33 members representing Ramsey County and the City of Saint Paul.

### How does the WIB work?

The WIB is charged with overseeing the public workforce programs detailed above, as well as surveying the local area to define workforce needs and building community partnerships to fill these needs. The WIB meets on a bi-monthly basis, with the four working committees meeting on the opposite months. Members select a committee on which to serve; the hands-on work of the board is accomplished in these committees. The following are examples of projects in which the WIB engages, and on which the committee work is focused.

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