



Strengthening Working Families Initiative (SWFI)

Rochester Rehabilitation Center offers a program in partnership with area employers, businesses, education and training institutions, and community organizations to create access to living-wage jobs, and support career advancement in high-demand industries for parents with dependent children at home. Job training, job placement, career advancement, and benefits management are all a part of this initiative.

The *Strengthening Working Families Initiative* provides low- to middle-skilled parents opportunities to advance in their careers in high-growth or in high-demand industries – including health care, advanced manufacturing, and information technology – while addressing barriers related to accessing training and employment faced by those with child care responsibilities.

Services Available:

- Family-Based Service Navigation
- Linkages to Affordable and Safe Child Care
- Financial Assistance for Short-term Child Care Stipends
- Career Planning and Vocational Assessments
- Support Services and Connections to Community Resources
- Public Benefits Advocacy and Supports
- Job Placement and Job Coaching
- Financial Assistance for Career Related Certifications and Uniforms
- Linkages to Short-term Certificate Training Programs
- Transportation Assistance

Who Qualifies

Adults 18 years and older who are the primary caregivers of one or more children under the age of 13 (or children 14 years and older with a disability) who wish to increase skills through short-term training related and career advancement in the following industries: health care, advanced manufacturing, and information technology. Must be willing to develop a career plan and be motivated to actively work on goals.

Key Partners

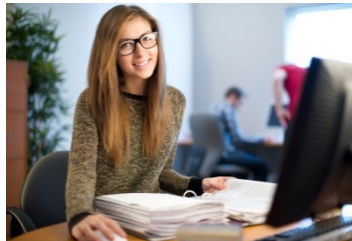
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