

Workforce Development Programs



The Missouri Department of Social Services (DSS) Workforce Development Unit:

- Administers \$45 million in employment and training programs for low-income Missourians
- Develops systematic approaches with a variety of stakeholders including partner agencies, providers and internal divisions

All DSS-sponsored training programs offer:

- Free short-term training to in-demand career fields
- Job Coaching and Resume Preparation
- Employment Connections
- Help with Training and Work Costs including transportation, books, clothing and more
- Connections with other available services to support the whole family

Adult programs



SkillUP helps link SNAP recipients 16 years of age and older with career coaches to find career paths, get training, create resumes, and learn interviewing and interpersonal skills. Participants, in addition to meeting Food Stamp work requirements, can receive help with transportation, work and child care expenses. For more information about SkillUP, visit <https://mydss.mo.gov/food-assistance/missouri-employment-training-program>.



Health Industry Training Education (HITE) helps qualified persons 18 and older train in one of 19 high-demand health industry career fields. Eligibility is limited to the Kansas City or St. Louis metro area, or an area in Central Missouri. Look up HITE information at <https://mydss.mo.gov/hpog-hite>.



The **Excel Centers** allow persons 21 and older to earn high school diplomas and credentials with free on-site daycare. Located in Poplar Bluff, St. Louis, Springfield and Columbia. For More Information: <https://excel.mersgoodwill.org/>.

The **Missouri Work Assistance Program (MWA)** provides employment and training services to adults in households that receive Temporary Assistance to Needy Families cash benefits. Adults receive guidance on obtaining training, help with job readiness skills and other services. Visit <https://mydss.mo.gov/missouri-work-assistance> for more information.

Youth Programs



Jobs for America's Graduates – Missouri (JAG-Missouri) provides extra guidance, help for classroom success, and work-based learning in 82 middle, high and alternative schools that results in increased graduation and employment rates. Find out more by visiting <https://jag-missouri.org>.



Jobs League provides 14- to 24-year-olds paid work experience and job skills. Visit any Missouri Job Center or <https://jobs.mo.gov/summerjobs>.