Employer Pathways process mapping Hennepin County



Employer partner

Hennepin County and other employers

Work: Conduct internal workforce analysis, allocate HR staff, identify training and educational partners, assist in training program design, market program, and determine performance measures.

Training and support services partner or project manager

Community-based organizations

Work: Manage the project, secure funding, recruit targeted potential employees, provide technical and soft skills training, and provide support services before and after employment.

Educational partner

Community colleges and other higher education providers

Work: Design curriculum and provide accelerated, contextualized instruction.

Stages	Steps for employer partners
1. Conduct internal workforce analysis	 Conduct internal workforce analysis to identify high-demand, high-growth, high-attrition, critical, and difficult-to-fill positions. Initiate workforce conversations with each of the departments representing the identified positions. Review existing hiring practices and determine if training programs are an appropriate strategy to meet recruitment needs. Identify potential barriers in the hiring process, such as minimum qualification requirements, policies, contracts, and procedures. Share findings and gain support of executive stakeholders.
2. Build cross-agency partnerships	 Identify training and educational partners and build cross-agency partnerships. Assign a project manager/coordinator and define roles and responsibilities of all partners. Establish a shared vision and develop a workplan.
3. Plan resource allocation	 Prioritize training programs to be developed Assist with community-based organization's funding request Determine internal staff and resource needs.
4. Design training program	 Identify target populations (e.g., high barriers to employment, demographics, etc.). Develop competency models (values, work ethic, and skill-set of ideal job candidate). Develop service mapping (services each partner will offer at a given point in time). Assist in developing training curriculum offered by the community-based organization. Assist in curriculum design process offered by higher education partner.
5. Market program	Assist the community-based organization with marketing efforts, such as company websites, job posting pages, social media, information sessions, career fairs, etc.
6. Create targeted hiring strategy	Determine targeted and agile hiring strategy.
7. Begin training period	 Participants attend classes. Employer partners support activities, such as informational panels, mock interviews, and internships.
8. Measure performance	 In partnership with the community-based organization, define measures of program and system success. Determine data management strategy (collection, storage, tracking, and reporting). Perform data analysis and continuous program improvement. Perform process documentation. Perform process review.