

Marion Area Workforce Acceleration Collaborative
MAWAC
Joint Statement 2024-2025

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1. Has there been any change in the structure or leadership of your Business Advisory Council since you submitted your plan for this academic year? If yes, please provide details.

- **We have not changed our structure since our plan was submitted. We have maintained monthly meetings rotating the location among partner sites.**

2. Of goals submitted in your 24-25 Business Advisory Council Plan, on a scale of 1-10 with 10 being fully accomplished.

What goals were you able to accomplish?

- **Develop Professional Skills for Future Careers - rating 8**
 - We have completing many of our action items as planned including our Careers Made in Marion Expo, Tri-Rivers Career Center visits, Pathways visits within schools, Career interest inventories are completed or in process at all districts
 - Members of the PreK/Childcare committee also serve on the County Childcare Coalition and supported Marion Technical College on the addition of an Early Childhood Education Program.
 - Due to the teacher shortage, several districts have added an educator pathway to their offerings.
 - Ohio State Marion has aligned CCP courses to allow HS students interested in the education field to begin the pathway.
- **Build Partnerships - rating 7**
 - We are happy to have maintained and improved the engagement of our current members. Our monthly meetings attendance has been between 70-80%. We have expanded with a couple of new members but are not yet to the diversity we are seeking. With 4 meetings still scheduled, our committee will continue to attempt to recruit members and expand our representation in other career fields.
 - Our 2nd goal aligned to building partnerships was to increase our site visits to industry partners. We created a shared Google sheet for all member districts to track their workforce development activities. To date, we have doubled our number of visits to our partners and visits from our partners into our schools. This goal had to be adjusted due to transportation issues resulting from bus driver shortages experienced by all districts.

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- **Coordinate Experiences - rating 8**

- While we've seen an increase in our Work-Based Learning hours overall, partner districts still find this to be a challenge. They have noted that the Agriculture pathway has the easiest time with WBL.
- The River Valley Farm complex and Harding Microfarm have expanded their agricultural awareness through their respective grants with various field trips, class visits, WBL opportunities, and planned summer camps.

a. What challenges have you experienced implementing your goals?

- Turnover within our partner members has created a few issues with coordination, but we utilize our recruiting committee to reengage partners who are experiencing this.
- Transportation continues to be an issue for partner districts.
- Finding opportunities for WBL aligned with each district's pathways has improved but still presents challenges.

3. What new partnerships has your Business Advisory Council formed for the 2024-2025 school year? Please list any new business partners, organizations, or community stakeholders that have been added.

- **Marion Valley SNF Healthcare, LLC - Dustin Rawlins**
- **United Church Homes - Jennifer Lewis**
- **Whirlpool (previous member who had employee/management turnover) - Josh Gay**

4. Have you added or removed any goals from your SY24-25 Business Advisory Council Plan? If so, please provide specific details on these changes.

- No changes have been made at this time.

5. Has your Business Advisory Council received any media coverage or participated in any case studies during this school year? If yes, please provide details on the coverage and the focus of any case studies.

- <https://www.marionmade.org/2024/10/career-expo/>
- **We have not participated in any case studies**