



Grow Door County
A Workforce for the Future



Challenges Confronting Businesses and Schools to Grow Our Local Workforce

As part of the recent DCEDC Business & Education Partnership summit, we asked attendees to break into small discussion groups to identify the challenges confronting businesses and schools to grow our local workforce. Below are the three questions we asked and the top responses to each.

1. Top challenges constraining workforce growth in Door County?

- *Lack of affordable housing*
- *Perception of Door County*
 - *Tourism, Manufacturing, Agriculture*
- *Lack of child care*
- *Low wages/poor benefits*

2. Top things schools could do to address the workforce shortage?

- *Utilize Inspire software to expand career awareness programs*
- *Focus on soft skills/ employability skills*
- *Partner with businesses*

3. Top things the business community can do to address the workforce shortage?

- *Partner with schools*
- *Provide job shadows, tours, guest speakers, mock interviews, etc. for local students*
- *Provide financial and political support to the schools*