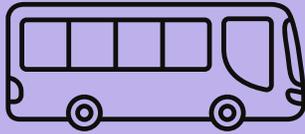




Portage Youth on:

EMPLOYMENT!

36% of youth said that a lack of transportation has been a barrier in employment.



Two-thirds of youth have had good experiences working for local employers.



The top 3 topics youth are interested in learning about are:



Budgeting/Taxes

Work/Life Balance

Post-secondary options for various career paths

Exactly half of respondents said they were satisfied with their current employment status.

Only 17% of youth feel that the jobs available locally pay well enough to live off of.

44% of youth feel that a lack of training/education is a challenge to their career.

One-third of youth feel they can easily find a mentor.

39% of youth said that struggles with their physical/mental health was a challenge to employment.



19% of survey respondents said they were unemployed and looking for work.

Less than one-third of youth feel that they can achieve a long-term career in our community without leaving.

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23% of respondents said that lack of childcare was a challenge to employment.

"Local businesses need to give youth who are just entering the workforce a chance at a job. Even without any experience, someone can do a good job if they are given the proper training and the opportunity."