

Gaylord Job Fair a Big Draw for Employers and Job Seekers

On Saturday, April 6th, over 170 job seekers attended the Michigan Works! Gaylord Job Fair held at the Gaylord Intermediate School gymnasium.

Over 40 local businesses were represented hoping to fill 100s of jobs. Industries included tourism, retail, hospitality, food service, transportation, health care, general labor, public safety, and more, offering part-time, seasonal, and full-time opportunities.

Overall, job seeker feedback was very positive, with attendees stating the event offered a variety of employers and opportunities.

“The fair was very helpful in looking for myself and two other family members who were not able to attend,” said Sandy B.

“It was fantastic!” agreed job seeker Nevada Dudd. “A lot of friendly people and a great way to meet lots of employers.”

Employers reported that the event was well-organized and offered a great opportunity to network with fellow employers and meet many job seekers at once. Many commented on the good turnout and quality candidates. Many also reflected that the new venue offered a great layout.

“We had an excellent turnout,” said Ashley Naburrs of Northern Staffing. “We had a whole stack of resumes and so many wonderful applicants.”

“This job fair is a great thing for the community,” said Ryan German of Taco Bell. “There are so many opportunities open in our area and this fair offered a lot of potential candidates in one place.”

Munson’s Otsego Memorial Hospital HR Manager Marilyn Record agrees, stating, “Even though we do our applications online, these fairs are a great way to meet applicants and answer their questions in person.”

Over the next few weeks, employers will continue to call the job seekers they met with, with hopes that these interviews lead to job placements.

The Gaylord Job Fair was the first of 4 Michigan Works! April job fairs to come to the region over the next few weeks. Upcoming fairs include: Mackinaw City on April 13, in Grayling on April 16, and in Alpena on April 23. Learn more about these fairs at www.NEMCWorks.org.

Job seekers who couldn’t attend the fair are always encouraged to stop by their local Michigan Works! office to learn more about local job openings. In addition, Michigan Works! can help with free resume assistance, job search, and interview preparation. To find your local Michigan Works! office, call 1-800-285-WORK.