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## **Changes Coming to Michigan Works Services in Kalkaska**

KALKASKA, MI—A reduction in federal funding is forcing Northwest Michigan Works! to close its part-time service center in Kalkaska. The closure will take effect July 1. The Northwest Michigan Works! Learning Lab in Kalkaska will remain open at its current location.

Northwest Michigan Works! is installing a self-service computer kiosk in Kalkaska similar to those being installed in other counties. The kiosk will provide direct links to tools and information related to job search, career research, and Michigan Works! workshops. The kiosk also links to the Michigan Talent Connect website.

Michigan Works! will continue and expand its customer access in the Kalkaska area – and in several other counties – through its Career Connections sessions, in which staff people offer a variety of job search and career development services in scheduled group sessions. These will be promoted via various media avenues and on the website at: [NWMichWorks.org](http://NWMichWorks.org).

People are also encouraged to visit their nearest Northwest Michigan Works! Service Center for assistance. Full-time, full-service centers are available at 1209 South Garfield in Traverse City and 401 Lake Street in Cadillac.

"We are tackling our budget reductions in a variety of creative ways, all with the intent of keeping our services to businesses and career seekers as strong as ever," said Elaine Wood, CEO of the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments. "Northwest Michigan Works remains a healthy and forward-moving organization that helps about 25,000 individuals and businesses each year."

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NWMCOG's member counties are: Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford.