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Local Employers Invited to Virtual Childcare Apprenticeship Lunch, Learn & Launch

NORTHWEST LOWER, MI—Businesses and organizations from across northwest Lower Michigan are invited to attend a virtual childcare apprenticeship Lunch, Learn & Launch workshop October 24. The information session will run from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm and employers in the childcare industry sector are highly encouraged to attend.

The session will include an overview of U.S. Department of Labor registered childcare apprenticeships, the simplified process of developing or growing a program, and using apprenticeships to fill workforce gaps. There will be multiple occupations explored including childcare development specialist and early childhood educator.

“This is the perfect opportunity for childcare employers to explore the benefits of registered apprenticeship for recruitment, training and retention of highly skilled workers,” said Evelyn Szpriet, Regional Director of Apprenticeship Services for Northwest Michigan Works!. “We will discuss the ease of launching a program, financial resources and the wraparound services offered through Northwest Michigan Works!. It is the right time for employers to participate in a childcare registered apprenticeship.”

The Northwest Michigan Works! Apprenticeship team will be available to discuss requirements, next steps and begin the employer registration process.

RSVPs should be emailed to Marie.Whitney@networksnorthwest.org and a virtual link for the meeting will be provided.

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Registered apprenticeships are developed through a partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor and are a proven training method for employers to build a talent pipeline of highly skilled, educated employees. Registered apprenticeships are offered in over 1300 occupations and can be designed for any size or type of business. Northwest Michigan Works! is a registered USDOL apprenticeship intermediary and sponsor. Northwest Michigan Works! helps employers develop, implement and manage registered apprenticeships specific to their industry.

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