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## **Local Jobs for Michigan's Graduates Program Receives National Recognition**

TRAVERSE CITY, MI— The Jobs for Michigan's Graduates (JMG) program in northwest Michigan has received national recognition for the second year in a row. The program, coordinated in the region by Northwest Michigan Works!, is one of just 10 JMG programs in the state to receive a 5-of-5 Award from the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Board of Directors.

The 5-of-5 Award recognizes JMG programs that meet or exceed national standards in five categories measuring student success, including graduation rate, further education rate, and job placements. JMG helps Michigan's young adults graduate and make successful transitions to postsecondary education or meaningful employment. Northwest Michigan Works! coordinates JMG programs at the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, the Traverse Bay Area ISD Career-Tech Center, and the Wexford-Missaukee Career Tech Center.

Jobs for Michigan's Graduates is the leading program of Youth Solutions, Inc., a premiere youth opportunity organization on a mission to equip young people with the skills to overcome barriers and win in education, employment, and as citizens. Youth Solutions is the state-based affiliate of the national Jobs for America's Graduates organization ([jag.org](http://jag.org)), one of the largest and most successful school-to-work systems in the United States. The JMG model consists of a comprehensive set of services designed to keep young people in school through graduation and improve the rate of success in achieving education and career goals. For more information on Youth Solutions and its Jobs for Michigan's Graduates programming, visit [ouryouthsolutions.org](http://ouryouthsolutions.org).

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