



INVESTING IN TODAY'S AND TOMORROW'S WORKFORCE
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CURRENT WORKFORCE

How do we recruit and retain today's workforce?

3.3%

Indiana unemployment rate

85,000

the number of unfilled jobs in Indiana

“ In an age where the national talent shortage is at a critical stage, how can we afford to **not** engage and confront this issue? ”

John Sampson, President & CEO, Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership

708,126

the number of Indiana households that include children younger than 18 years old

FUTURE WORKFORCE

506,257

young children ages 0-5 in Indiana

64%

live in households where ALL parents work

16%

high quality enrollment for children with all parents working

\$7,903

average cost of high quality early childhood education

This is similar to one-year tuition at Ball State University



130,517

children enrolled in known early childhood education programs

Investing in high quality early childhood education yields

\$4:1 ROI