

CAREERSOURCE CHIPOLA INDUSTRY AND EDUCATION CONSORTIUM QUARTERLY REPORT

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Report quarter: Quarter 2 / 2025

Date of meeting: June 30, 2025

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Local workforce development board contact: Richard Williams Date: 6/30/25

B. ATTENDANCE

Name	Organization	Industry or Education Organization	Contact Information
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C. SUMMARY

Recommends and Requests from the Industry and Education Consortium

to

CareerSource Chipola

June 30, 2025

Consortium Member Attendees:

All members were provided with the most recent employment data as released by FloridaCommerce for their review prior to the meeting.

The meeting began with comments from Richard Williams, Executive Director, CareerSource Chipola about the most recent employment report from FloridaCommerce. Consortium members then discussed the targeted sectors of construction, manufacturing and healthcare.

The manufacturing discussions centered around the need to increase targeted training opportunities and the need to increase parental understanding of careers available to youth. The construction discussions centered on the amount of new construction in the area, available programs, and the need to increase the pool of available instructors for the construction trades.

The health care discussion centered around a growing need for individuals with medical coding skills. There was a lengthy discussion between industry and education representatives about the types of training needed, the number of open positions, and the long-term outlook for continued need. The next major focus of discussion was around medical technologist and clinical lab staff.

Key Points raised by members in attendance:

Manufacturing

- Training for key manufacturing positions needs to start earlier.
- Outreach should be increased to parents to help them understand the opportunities available.
- More information is needed on training needs of manufacturers.

Construction

- The instructor pool needs to be increased.
- The demand for construction trades will continue to grow with the increase in housing starts in the area.

Health Care

- There is a local shortage of medical coders, and this shortage is costing local providers because medical coding determines payment amounts.
- Medical technicians are harder to find than nurses, currently.
- There is a lack of local training options for medical technicians.