

# CHAMBER EMPHASIZES WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



One of the Indiana Chamber attributes that is appealing to so many members and customers is the organization’s ability to provide assistance on a wide variety of topics. That will not change, but in today’s world there is a stronger emphasis than ever on workforce development.

The Chamber engages in the workforce world on your behalf in many ways. View a five-minute video by clicking on the code and review the programs and initiatives below.



Indiana INTERNet has been aligning students (high school, college and non-traditional) with experiential learning opportunities since the program began in 2001 (developing out of Indiana Chamber Foundation research). It serves as a key talent retention strategy, with its role more important than ever.

The Indiana Chamber Foundation, through both research and programs, helps make business-education connections. Annual employer surveys have clearly defined the growing workforce challenges. Currently, the Business Champions Advisory Network (Page 40) is developing tools to assist companies in evaluation and best practices.



The Chamber’s *Indiana Vision 2025* economic development plan features Outstanding Talent as the lead driver. Progress toward achieving the plan’s education and workforce goals will help produce an economy that will allow the state to achieve at its highest levels.

Workforce excellence extends to the health and productivity of employees. The Wellness Council of Indiana, part of the Indiana Chamber since 2011, offers tools and resources for worksite wellness and community well-being. It is one of the largest and most effective state efforts in the country.



Policy: Education and workforce efforts are abundant at the Indiana Statehouse each year. The Chamber has been a leader in advancing school choice, accountability and development programs to help form the workforce of the future. Caryl Auslander leads those efforts with support from the remainder of the Chamber advocacy team.



Education and workforce discussions occur on a regular basis. This annual issue of *BizVoice*® goes in depth on the topics, with EchoChamber podcasts also featuring important conversations. Among the guests thus far: Jamie Merisotis of the Lumina Foundation; Blair Milo, the state’s Secretary of Career Connections and Talent; and, in January, university leaders Dan Elsener, Allison Barber and Earl Brooks.

**RESOURCES:** Indiana Chamber and its programs and initiatives at [www.indianachamber.com](http://www.indianachamber.com)

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