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## **Listening Ear Crisis Center Receives Michigan Works! Award**

TRAVERSE CITY, MI –Listening Ear Crisis Center of Kalkaska received an Outstanding Business Award from Northwest Michigan Works!. The company was recognized for its success as an employer and Michigan Works! partner.

Listening Ear operates multiple Adult Foster Care facilities in both Kalkaska and Antrim counties and plans to open two more care facilities. Northwest Michigan Works! has partnered with the company on several occasions including hosting a job fair that helped fill key positions. Listening Ear also posts open positions on the Michigan Works! website and utilizes the Michigan Works! application collection service.

Listening Ear received the award at a September 27 open house at the Career Café located inside the Traverse City Michigan Works! Service Center. The award was presented by Senator Darwin Booher. Awards were also presented to several other northwest Michigan businesses.

More information about Northwest Michigan Works! Business Services is available at:  
[nwm.org/business-services](http://nwm.org/business-services)

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