



## Learning Labs

### **Benzonia**

Michigan Works! Learning Lab  
Located in Benzie Area Christian Neighbors building  
2804 Benzie Highway  
Benzonia, MI 49616  
231-882-9544

### **Cadillac**

Michigan Works! Center  
401 N. Lake Street— Suite 700  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
231-876-1648

### **East Jordan**

Jordan Valley District Library (Lower Level)  
1 Library Lane, PO Box 877  
East Jordan, MI 49727  
231-536-7898

### **Kalkaska**

Michigan Works! Center  
103 3rd Street, PO Box 907  
Kalkaska, MI 49646  
231-258-9304

### **Manistee**

Michigan Works! Center  
1660 US 31 South  
Manistee, MI 49660  
231-723-5910

### **Petoskey**

Michigan Works! Center  
2225 Summit Park Drive  
Petoskey, MI 49770  
231-439-5204

### **Traverse City**

Michigan Works! Center  
1209 South Garfield, Suite C  
Traverse City, MI 49686  
231-922-3761

### **Traverse City**

TBAISD Career Tech Center  
880 Parsons Road  
Traverse City, MI 49686  
231-922-7826

**Toll-free 1-800-285-WORKS**

### Learning Labs Offer

- No-cost programs
- Support for students' career goals
- Eight sites in Northwest Michigan
- Adult education age 20 and over  
(Those under age 20 should contact a Michigan Works! Youth Advisor, toll-free: 800 442-1072)

[networksnorthwest.org/learninglabs](http://networksnorthwest.org/learninglabs)



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The Michigan Works! Learning Labs are operated by the Northwest Michigan Works! Agency in partnership with Cadillac Adult Education, Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District Adult Education, Benzie Area Christian Neighbors, and Jordan Valley District Library.

Northwest Michigan Works! is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities—Michigan Relay Center callers use 711 or 1-(800) 649-3777.

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## Education for Employment

Improve Basic Reading, Math,  
and Writing Skills

Computer Literacy

Employability Skills

ESL — English as a Second Language

GED® Test Preparation

High School Diploma

College Prep Academics and Testing

Distance Learning Options  
Now Available



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## Benefits!

### Features and Benefits of the Lab and Program:

- Free of charge
- Start any time of the year—including summer
- Open all year with daytime and evening hours
- Friendly, stress-free atmosphere
- Learn at your own pace
- Create a personal learning plan
- Receive one-on-one training from certified teachers
- Build better job skills
- Boost your confidence
- 8 locations in northwest Michigan

Learning Labs are part of the adult education program at Northwest Michigan Works!. The ultimate goal for each participant is employment. You will receive no-cost training to increase your skills on your way to securing a better future.

**Did you know?** In order to qualify for financial aid for college, you must have a GED or High School Diploma?

## Improve!

### You Can Add to Your Skills to Improve Your Life!

- Reading
- Writing
- Math (including algebra)
- Workplace skills:
  - Computer and keyboarding
  - Word processing (MS Word)
  - Spreadsheet (Excel)
  - National Career Readiness Certificate
  - Employability Skills Certificate
- Preparation for the GED
- Preparation for post-secondary education
- English-as-a-Second Language (ESL) skills
- Job prospects!

**Did you know?** In a 2006 study by NCES, eight years after high school, the unemployment rate among those who didn't finish was 16.3% while the unemployment rate was only 4.7% among those who earned their diploma?

## Success!

### Others Did It. You Can, Too!

*"I thought I would be at my job until I retired. But the plant closed. Now I'm finding it is very important to have a diploma in order to obtain and retain a job."*

**Adult Learning Lab Student**

*"I was not hired for a particular job even though I had experience in the field. I knew that I needed a GED to get a better job. My wife encouraged me to finish and having succeeded at the GED, it has really helped my self-esteem."*

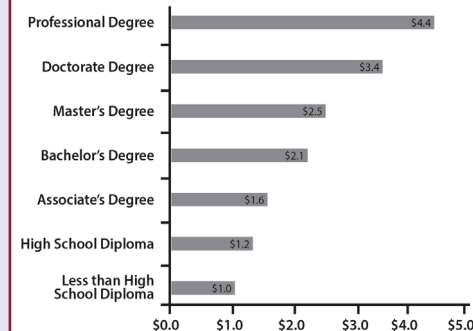
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*"Thanks to the Learning Lab! They have wonderful resources, helpful people, and a nice atmosphere to help with transition from losing a job to moving forward with life."*

**Adult Learning Lab Student**

### Worklife Earnings

(In millions of dollars)



(Earnings for full-time, year-round workers by educational attainment for worklife of approximately 40 years.  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau)