



Dominiqua's passion for pursuing childhood education may not have been possible without Next Door's Pathways Program. She's now an assistant teacher with goals to become a lead teacher at Next Door.



Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County

REDUCING BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT & ADVANCEMENT

OUR GOAL: 15,000 PEOPLE WILL BE READY TO START STABLE CAREERS HAVING OVERCOME KEY EMPLOYMENT BARRIERS BY 2029.

Many people in our community face systemic barriers when seeking sustainable employment. Barriers like educational attainment, the digital divide, lack of access to reliable transportation, and criminal records. Individuals who experience these barriers often are unemployed or have jobs that pay far below what is needed to support themselves or their families.

Reducing Barriers to Employment & Advancement is anchored in the belief that all adults of working age should have the opportunity to start stable careers.

A stable career allows for the opportunity to support and provide for a family.

Reducing Barriers to Employment & Advancement supports programs aligned with these strategies:

- **Education, Training, and Credentials:** Help adults learn to read, earn their GED or other employment credentials.
- **Transportation:** Provide innovative transportation solutions or assist with driver's license recovery.
- **Involvement in the Justice System:** Focus on strengthening justice impacted individuals in the workplace and/or advocating for policy change that assists individuals who have been impacted by the justice system.

THE FACTS

Funded Programs Results from June 2022 to July 2023:

3,700+ PARTICIPANTS were served by funded programs.

26,400+ RIDES were provided for people to get to or from employment.

420+ PEOPLE received industry recognized credentials to further their careers.

160+ ARREST RECORDS were expunged for nonviolent crimes.

100+ DRIVER'S LICENSES were recovered.