

# Expanding Access through Transportation

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SC WORKS RESOURCES AND SERVICES

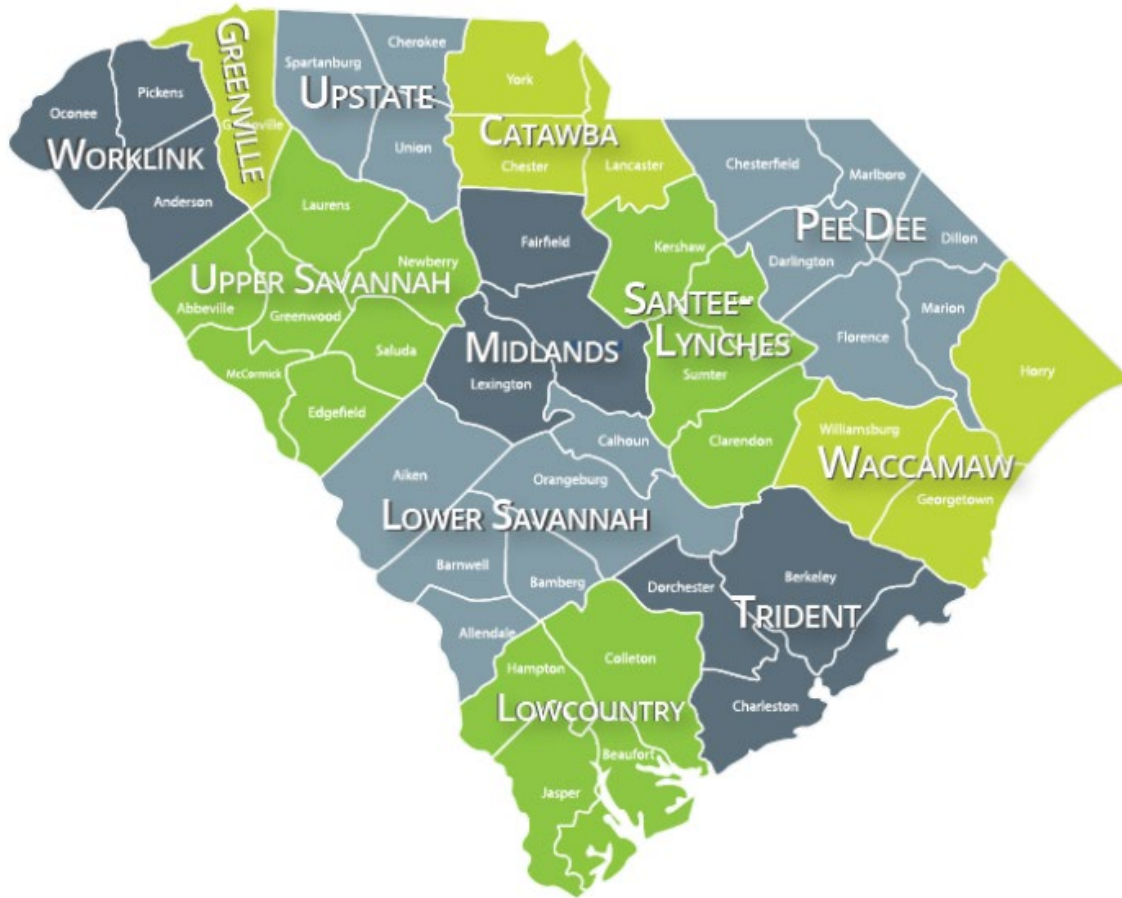
# SC Works Network

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- SC Works is part of the national American Job Center network and is the brand for South Carolina one-stop system
- The SC Works system is a network of partners and programs that enable job seekers and employers to access workforce development resources
- The main goal of SC Works is to link job seekers and employers

# SC Works Network, cont.



- The SC Works system includes 47 brick and mortar centers across 12 Local Workforce Development Areas (LWDAs) as well as remote access points
- Access to SC Works resources is augmented by more than 100 Connection Points established through libraries and faith and community based organizations

# For Center Locations and Connection Points: visit [www.scworks.org](http://www.scworks.org)

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SC WORKS

FIND A JOB USING SC WORKS ONLINE SERVICES (SCWOS)

What is **YOUR NEXT STEP?**

**I'm a Jobseeker**

- Find a job
- Resume guidance
- Skills assessments

LEARN MORE

**I'm an Employer**

- Find employees
- Labor Market Information
- Employee Training

LEARN MORE

VIRTUAL JOB FAIR INFORMATION

**FIND A CENTER** **FIND A JOB** **FIND A CANDIDATE** **FIND LMI DATA**

The Find a Center button is a great resource for obtaining contact information for your local center or nearby connection points

# SC Works Programs

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- WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth programs
- Job Corps
- YouthBuild
- Native American programs
- Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker program
- Employment Service program
- Adult Education program
- Vocational Rehabilitation programs
- Senior Community Service Employment programs
- Career and Technical Education programs (postsecondary)
- Trade Adjustment Assistance program
- Jobs for Veterans program
- Community Services Block Grant employment and training programs
- Housing and Urban Development employment and training programs
- Unemployment Insurance program
- Second Chance Act programs
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program

# Top Services

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## Employers

- Recruiting/hiring assistance
- Employee/worker training
- Access to Labor Market Information
- Strategic planning/sector strategies

## Individuals/Job Seekers

- Job search assistance
- Job preparation assistance
- Assistance with Unemployment Insurance
- Access to education and training
- Information about in-demand occupations
- Access to supportive services

DISCLAIMER: Contact should be made with your local SC Works center to determine the full list of programs and services available. Interested individuals/employers should inquire about eligibility for program offerings.

# Importance of Access to Workforce Activities

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- Workforce training programs are catalysts for economic growth and development, for individuals and regions
- Credentials and certifications are increasingly important tools for securing good jobs that can lead to upward economic mobility
- Removing financial barriers [to training programs] can help create a better pathway to upward economic mobility for workers and a stronger talent pipeline for employers

National Governors Association, Advancing Economic Mobility for Low-Income Families: Policy Options for Governors, <https://www.nga.org/center/publications/advancing-economic-mobility-for-low-income-families-policy-options-for-governors/>.

# Removing the Transportation Barrier to Workforce Activities

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- The SWDB invested \$630,000 in five counties to expand access to public transportation
  - At the end of the 24-month pilot, more than 6,700 individuals used the new or extended routes
    - 47% of riders used transportation services to access employment and training
    - Approximately 40% of riders used the routes to maintain employment or complete training
  - 3 of the 5 projects continued beyond the pilot
- More recently, Greenwood County added the SC Works center in Greenwood as an approved trip location for the McCormick Area Transportation program
- Local areas assist individuals with transportation planning and provide transportation reimbursement as a supportive service to eligible participants



# Call to Action

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- Collaborate with the workforce system to understand local transportation needs
- Engage the workforce system in transportation planning
- Engage workforce partners to convene community leaders, employers, citizens, and other key stakeholders to champion public transportation
- Invite the workforce system to be part of the solution

# Contact Information

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