

# AGENCY SUMMARY

## Employ Prince George's (EPG)

Employ Prince George's [website](#).

Employ Prince George's [FY 2026 Proposed Budget](#).

Employ Prince George's [FY 2025 Budget Report](#).

### Leadership

Walter Simmons, President & CEO

Jeffrey Swilley, Chief of Staff

Jeffrey Dufresne, Chief Financial

### Core Services

- Connect community-based organizations, government agencies, educational institutions and faith-based organizations to leverage resources and maximize workforce development outcomes, while reducing duplication of services
- Deliver workforce development services to Prince George's County job seekers, prioritizing residents who are unemployed or underemployed, sector specific programs (Industry Bridge Program), adult demographic specific programs, youth demographic specific programs (in-school and out-of-school), and apprenticeship programs
- Support the economy of Prince George's County by creating high demand programs tailored to specific industries

### FY 2026 Priorities

- Increase the number of community-based organizations, government agencies, educational institutions, and faith-based organizations who are members of the Prince George's County American Jobs Center Community Network, as evidenced by signed MOU's.
- Increase the number of jobs (employed people) in Prince George's County through the efforts of Employ Prince George's 13 workforce development programs.
- Increase the number of jobs posted in Prince George's County and ensure those jobs are filled with Prince George's County residents, through the efforts of the Business Services Department.

### BACKGROUND

The federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act required the Prince George's County Local Workforce Development Board (WDB) to create comprehensive 4-year plans. Employ Prince George's (EPG) is the operator, and member, of the Prince George's County American Job Center Community Network, the administrative and fiscal agent of the Workforce Development Board. Originally part of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), Employ Prince George's is a nonprofit corporation that separated from the EDC-Workforce Services Division in FY 2020. The goal of EPG is to link job seekers and businesses in high demand/high growth industries.

EPG maintains a First Source Registry of resident skills as a first point of hiring for County businesses. The agency submits a report with the number of government-assisted projects, the number of jobs that resulted from the agreements, the number of County residents actually employed, and the number of unemployed residents in the Registry (CB-17-2011, CB-115-2017).

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- Increase accessibility of workforce development programming throughout Prince George's County, virtually and in person.