

La Crosse County

RESOURCES FOR HIRING

Based on recent survey results, these local businesses are currently hiring people with disabilities or have expressed interest in hiring people with disabilities. To learn more about their successes and experience, reach out to the contact listed.

Advanced Fiber Products

- Through an unyielding commitment to customer satisfaction, Advanced Fiber Products strives to be the nation's preferred supplier of custom fiberglass pultrusions. We will accomplish this by building partnerships with manufacturers, using our expertise to meet their demands for quality and performance, providing cost-effective solutions and responding to their needs with speed and courtesy.
- Michael Peyer, COO: mpeyer@afpfiberglass.com, (312) 953-2569

Aptiv, Inc.

- Aptiv is committed to providing people with disabilities the opportunity to:
 - Showcase their aptitude for learning new skills,
 - Better engage and play a more active role in their community,
 - Live a more meaningful and fulfilling life,
 - Find adaptive solutions that help them succeed in their goals.
- Aptiv provides a spectrum of innovative support for individuals with disabilities so they may live more independent lives. Aptiv serves children and adults with many different types of disabilities.
- Jennifer Bausch, Human Resource Professional: Jennifer.bausch@aptiv.org, (608) 784-9450

Great Lakes Cheese

- Great Lakes Cheese is an award-winning, premier manufacturer and packager of natural and processed bulk, shredded, and sliced cheeses.
- Chris Hall, Plant Manager: chris.hall@greatlakescheese.com, (608) 781-2800

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Grounded Patio Café

- Grounded Specialty Coffee was founded in 2003 with the goal of creating a place where the community could gather and enjoy great coffee. Since then, we've added food, beer, wine, a large outdoor patio, and changed our name to Grounded Patio Cafe. As time goes on, brewing methods evolve and tastes change, but Grounded continues to stay true to our passion of serving quality food and drinks in a safe and welcoming environment.
- Maria Norberg, Owner: maria@groundedpatiocafe.com, (608) 784-5282

Gundersen Health Systems

- **Project SEARCH**—Every Project SEARCH site includes a local high-status business, a school, DVR, a Statewide Service Provider and a disability services agency, such as a managed care organization. The business provides an on-site training classroom, business liaison and rotational internships for on-the-job training. The school provides an instructor.
- Primary Contact: Laura Anderson, landerso@gundersenhealth.org, (608) 799-2319
- DVR Contact: Samina Grimes, samina.grimes@dwd.wisconsin.gov, (608) 519-6110



DWD and Gundersen Health System celebrated the graduation of seven La Crosse area Project SEARCH interns.

- The interns at Gundersen are among the 1,800 Project SEARCH graduates nationwide and 200 in Wisconsin, hosted at 28 businesses across the state. Of the local class, five have jobs lined up, one has an internship, and two are actively interviewing.
- Throughout the year, they completed three 10-week rotations in three different departments. They learned hands-on skills while working in their departments and soft skills during an hour of daily classroom time.

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Inland Packaging

- Through three generations of family ownership Inland has invested in great employees, new markets, new products, and state-of-the-art equipment to become an award-winning label manufacturer. We have invested back into the company to add additional capabilities in our five facilities.
- Kim Williams, Human Resources & Project Manager: Kwilliams@inlandpackaging.com, (608) 788-5800

Kwik Trip

- At Kwik Trip, we're always looking for like-minded souls to better serve our customers. If you'd like to work in a fun and energetic environment where you're treated like family and rewarded for your efforts, you're in the right place. Click [here](#) for more information on Kwik Careers.
- Sarah Brandtner, Director of Employment: sbrandtner@kwiktrip.com, (608) 793-6000
- "Kwik Trip, Inc. partners with the Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation because they bring us great talent! The Retail Helpers that come to us through our single point of contact partnership know how to get the job done and make a difference in our stores, allowing our Guest Service Coworkers to focus on performing exemplary customer service. Often I will hear from Store Leaders how the Retail Helpers do more work than



Kwik Trip recognizes coworkers with special abilities. Watch full video [here](#) for more information.

they expected, are focused, and are well liked and appreciated by their coworkers because of all the tasks they complete. Currently we have over 500 Retail Helpers employed in Wisconsin with over 30 openings for additional Retail Helpers, and we will continue to work with DVR to fill those positions!"

- Joalyn Torgerson
Return to Work Coordinator
Kwik Trip, Inc.

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- La Crosse County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Check out their [website](#) for additional employment opportunities.
- Stephen Conrad, Human Resources: sconrad@lacrossecounty.org, (608) 785-9640

Mayo Clinic Health System

- Starting as Western Wisconsin's first hospital in 1883, [Mayo Clinic Health System](#) in La Crosse continues to put the needs of our patients first as we deliver safe, high-quality patient care to the 7 Rivers Region.
- Today we are part of a respected network of community-focused hospitals and clinics that serve Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. More than 1,500 physicians and 1,000 specialized care providers – nearly 16,500 staff in all – collaborating on bringing you the best care possible.
- Jennifer Livingston, Director of Community Engagement: livingston.jennifer@mayo.edu

McLoone Metal Graphics

- [McLoone Metal Graphics](#) is a single source for custom engineered, high-quality metal and plastic nameplates, ID Plates, overlays and labels for commercial and industrial applications that withstand environmental challenges.
- Deidre Kruser, President: kruserd@mcloone.com, (608) 406-3542

ORC Industries, Inc.

- [ORC](#) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to advance the independence, productivity, and self-sufficiency of people with disabilities through employment opportunities.
- Ying Vang, Human Resources Manager: yvang@orcind.com, (608) 781-7727

Western Technical College

- Access Services helps students blend what they know about themselves with appropriate accommodations to reduce barriers to learning. We strive to create an environment that empowers and supports students to reach their academic goals.
- The college has a long history of serving students with a wide variety of disabilities, working to ensure each student has reasonable accommodations and services they need to enjoy academic success. We can provide assistance on our main campus and at all of our regional locations.
- John Heath, Human Resources Director: heathj@westernnc.edu, (608) 785-9464

XeteX, LLC.

- At XeteX, our mission, vision, and values drive our company purpose: "Helping Buildings Breathe Better."
- By designing and manufacturing high-performing energy recovery ventilation and air handling solutions for industrial and commercial buildings, XeteX produces a better world for all of us.
- Andy Wilcox, CEO: andrew.wilcox@xetex.com, (608) 784-5509

Are you...

- Seeking reliable workers?
- Looking for a **risk-free** opportunity for hiring staff?

If so, let's chat!



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