

# Wisconsin Restaurant Association: Supports workforce development in state budget priorities

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The Wisconsin Restaurant Association is encouraged to see that workforce development is a priority and included in Governor Evers' budget priorities.

The restaurant and hospitality sector has many training options available and the WRA is ready to be a partner in helping develop skills needed to be successful in our industry. Attracting and retaining staff was a key concern prior to the pandemic and will be moving forward as the economy starts to recover from the Coronavirus pandemic.

The Wisconsin Restaurant Association is one of the largest trade associations in the state with over 7,000 member locations throughout Wisconsin. The mission of the Wisconsin Restaurant Association is dedicated to the success of the Foodservice and Hospitality Industry. The Association advocates on behalf of the restaurant industry, provides a voice for the restaurant industry to consumers and the media and provides access to information and services to help members better run their businesses. WRA represents the entire foodservice industry which includes over 16,000 licensed food service establishments.

WRA membership includes a wide range of foodservice businesses representing virtually every size and style of restaurant in the state. Members include fine dining establishments, mom-and-pop supper clubs, small cafes, quick service restaurants, corporate chain restaurants, institutional food service operations, catering businesses and hotel and motel foodservice among others.