

22nd Annual Training Institute



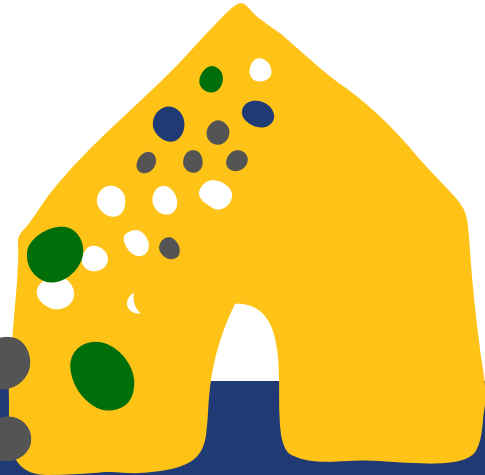
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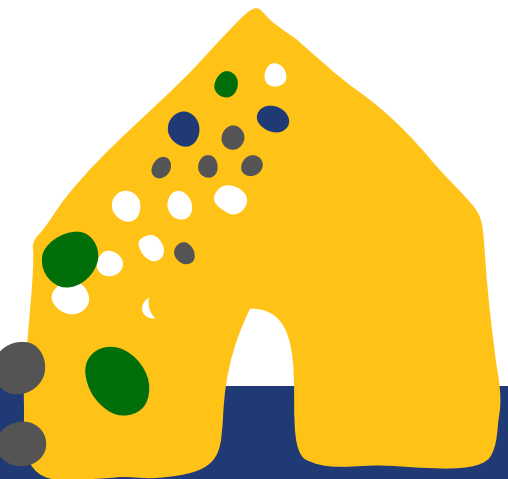


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Empowering Connecticut

Workforce Development Opportunities

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Regional Workforce Investment Board**



**NORTHWEST REGIONAL
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

FIRST JOB | NEXT JOB | BEST JOB



Introduction: Who we are

- The Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board (NRWIB) collaborates with local businesses, educators, and community organizations to spearhead workforce development initiatives throughout Northwest Connecticut.
- We operate as a non-profit organization governed by a Board of Directors that includes representatives from business, education, labor, and community leadership.
- Our mission focuses on cultivating a skilled and competitive workforce that aligns with the needs of regional employers while creating pathways to economic opportunities for job seekers.
- We strategically allocate federal and state funds to programs and initiatives that tackle the specific workforce challenges and opportunities present in our region.



A Comprehensive Approach to Workforce Development

- Demand-Driven Training
- Job Seeker Services
- Business Services
- Labor Market Information



Investing in Our Region's Future Workforce

Youth Programs, Career Aware

Empowering our future workforce through programs like the **Connecticut Youth Employment Program (CYEP)**, providing skills training, career exploration, and work experiences for young adults.

Sector Focused Training

Addressing critical skill gaps in high-demand industries:

- **Manufacturing:** Offering training in advanced manufacturing techniques, CNC operation, and industrial maintenance.
- **Healthcare:** Preparing individuals for careers in nursing support, medical assisting, and other allied health professions.
- **Construction:** Providing pathways to skilled trades through pre-apprenticeship programs and industry-recognized certifications.

Re-Entry Programs

Supporting individuals returning from incarceration with **job readiness training, skills development, and connections to employment opportunities**, to help build a successful reintegration into the workforce and community.



The American Job Center: Your Gateway to Talent



- **The American Job Center (AJC)** is our physical and virtual hub, providing integrated services for both job seekers and employers.
- **For Job Seekers:** Access to job listings, career counseling, skills assessments, workshops, training referrals, and supportive services.
- **For Employers:** Assistance with recruitment, job postings, candidate screening, information on labor laws, and resources for workforce development.
- Dedicated staff connects individuals with the resources they need to succeed in the labor market.

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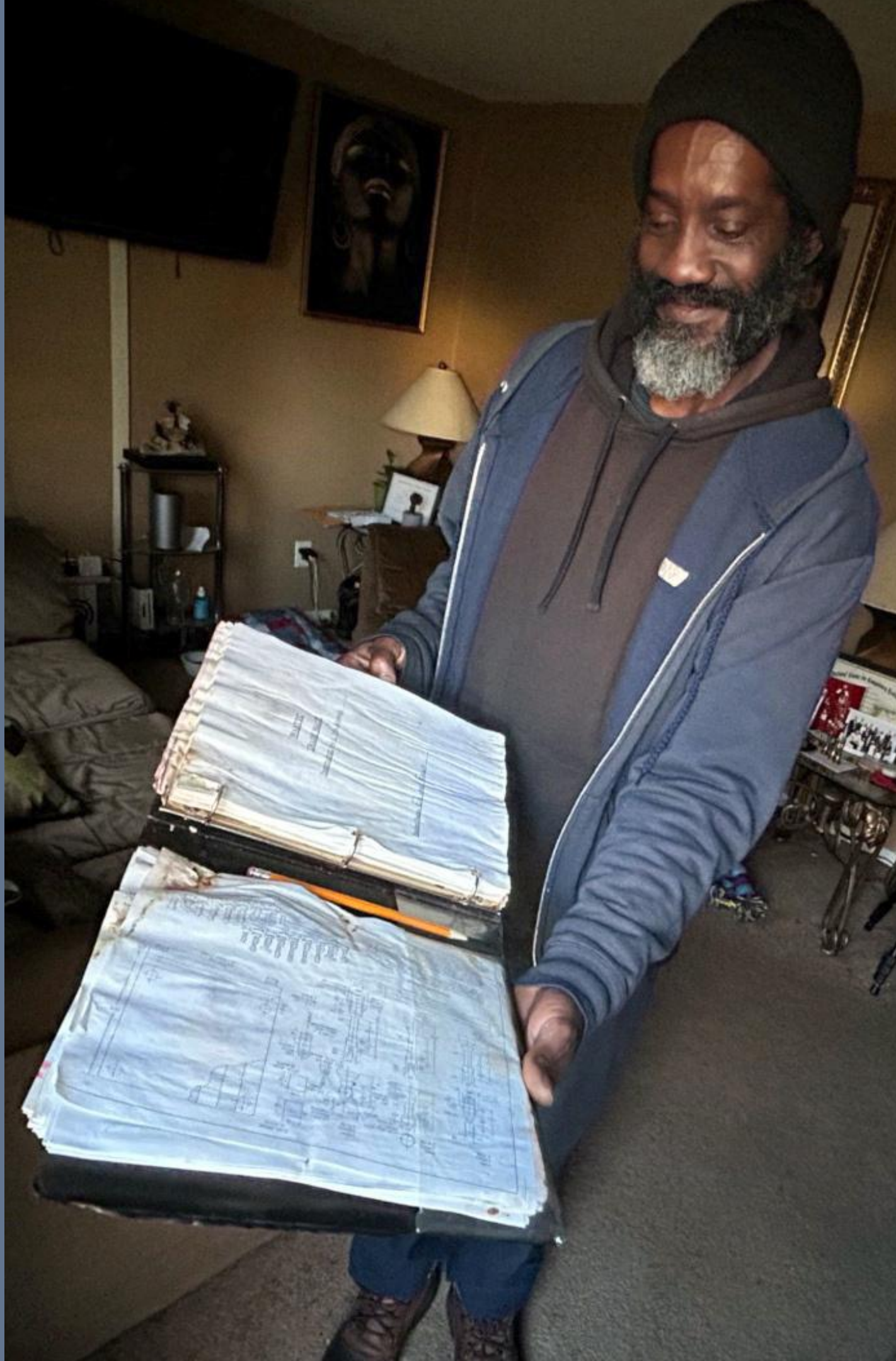
Transforming Lives and Strengthening Businesses

Jaime Molina knew that with hard work, an in-demand career in manufacturing was possible. With supportive services from grants administered by the **American Job Center**, Jaime graduated from two essential courses at **MASC's Technical Training Center** in Waterbury, Connecticut, and moved into affordable housing with the **Center for Human Development's** Homeworks program.

Making a Real Impact

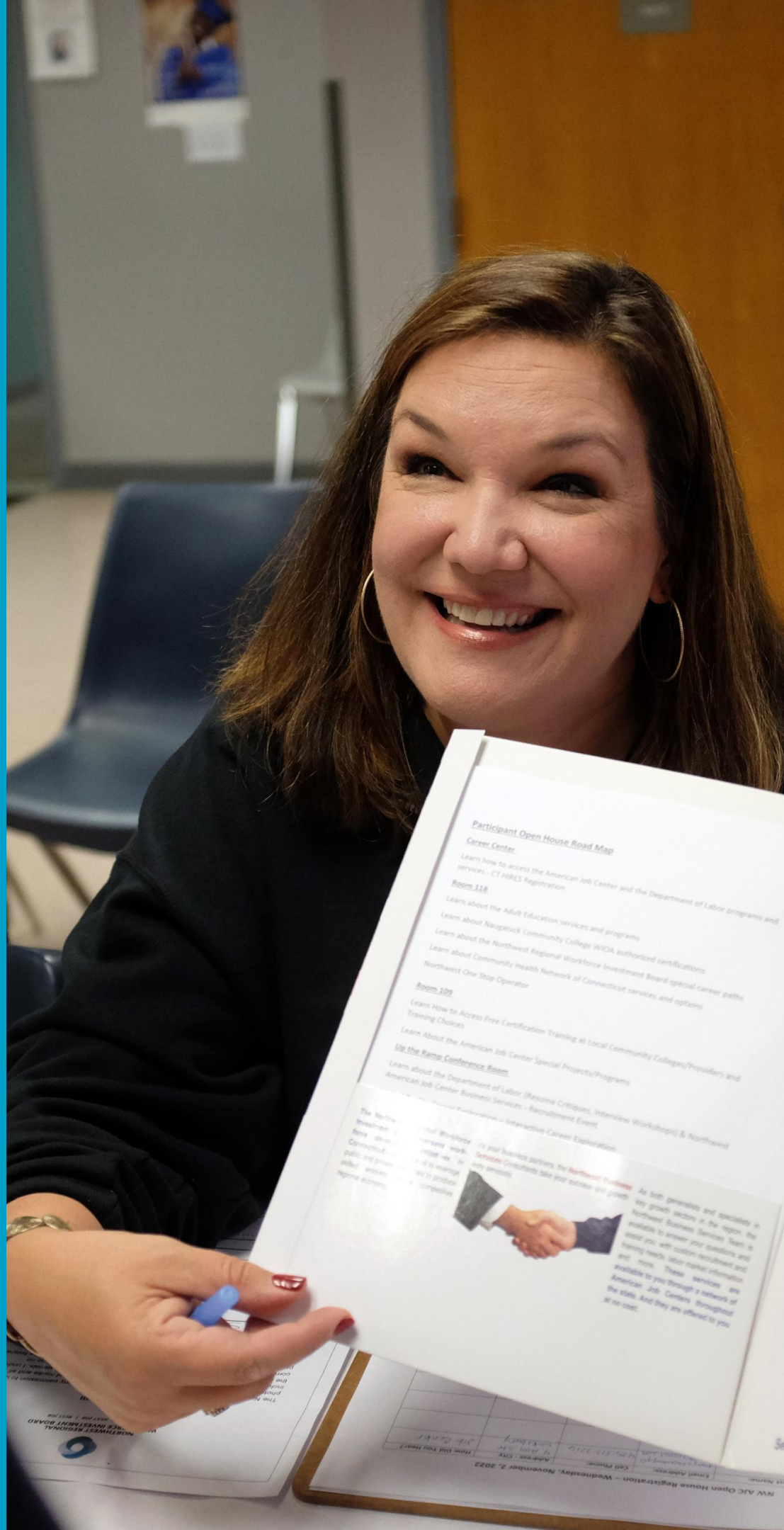
In 2022, **NRWIB** took part in funding part a pilot program in Waterbury, CT is trying to move homeless people from survival to success, starting with clean, safe, subsidized housing for six months.





Creating Brighter Futures

- **Skill Development for In-Demand Jobs**
- **Removing Barriers to Employment**
- **Career Guidance and Support**
- **Access to Education and Training**
- **Support for Underrepresented Populations**



Partnering with Businesses

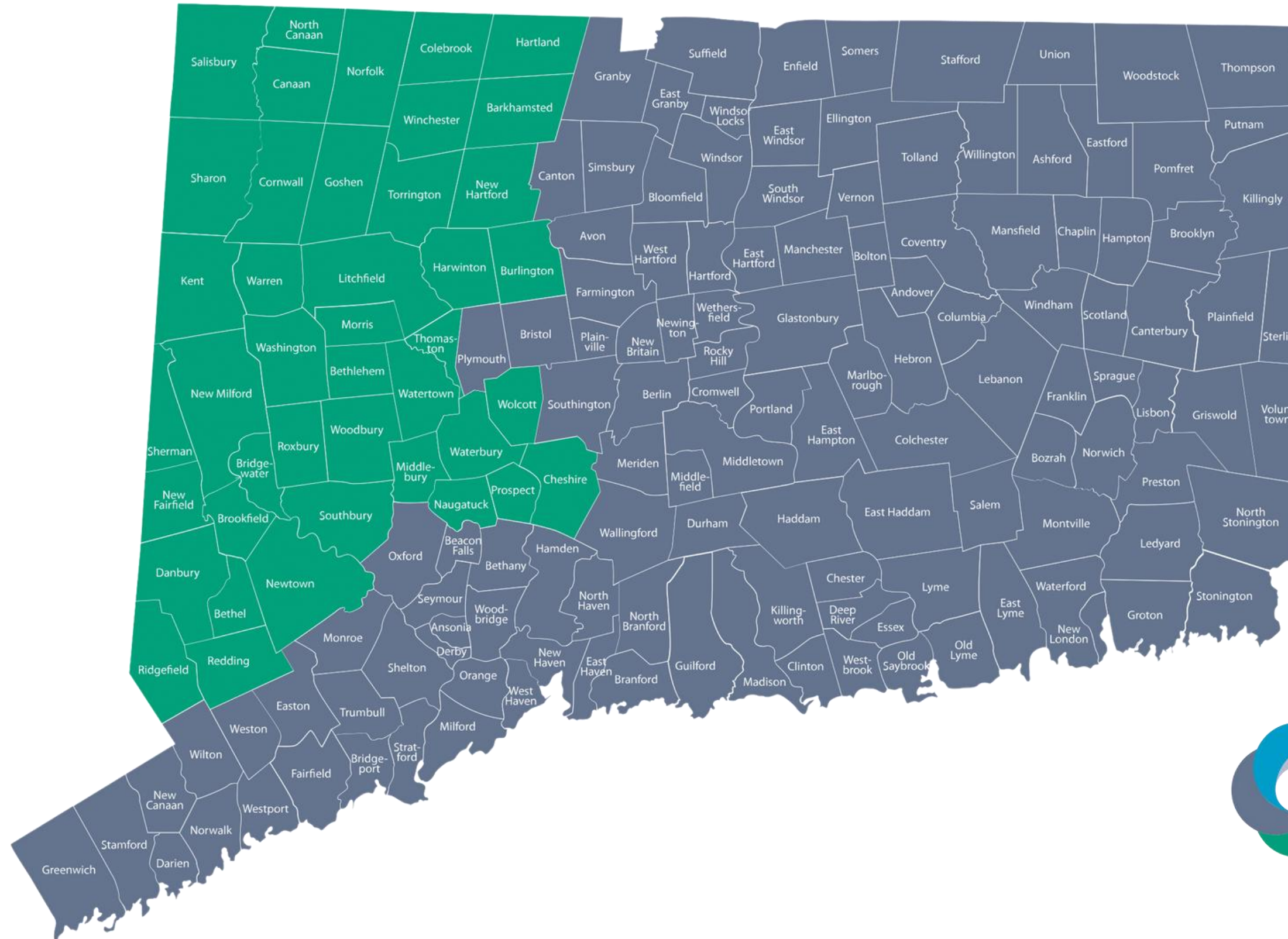
- Talent Pipeline Development
- Recruitment and Job Matching Assistance
- Customized Training Solutions
- Labor Market Information
- Connecting Businesses with Resources

Driving Economic Prosperity: Our Vision for Northwest CT

- **Strategic Partnerships**
- **Data-Driven Decision Making**
- **Adaptability and Innovation**
- **Community Engagement**
- **Making A Long-Term Investment**



Thank You!



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