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ODJFS Director Tours Northwest Ohio Carpenters' Training Center *Apprenticeship Opportunities Spotlights during In-Demand Jobs Week*

COLUMBUS, OHIO – Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Director Matt Damschroder got to try his hand at rafter nailing, floor laying, and welding today, during his tour of the Northwest Ohio Carpenters' Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC) Training Center in Rossford. The tour was arranged as part of [In-Demand Jobs Week](#) in Ohio. Many businesses, OhioMeansJobs centers, and other organization are opening their doors this week to showcase Ohio's most in-demand and fastest-growing industries.

"I'm very grateful to the Ohio Carpenters' JATC for allowing me to have this experience today," Damschroder said. "Apprenticeships are an excellent career path, which we need to keep spreading the word about. Apprentices learn while they earn, and when they complete their programs, they can earn as much as \$60,000 a year, with no student loan debt."

ODJFS oversees Ohio's [ApprenticeOhio](#) programs, and the state ranks second in the nation for the number of apprentices, with more than 19,000 enrolled statewide. Ohio has 235 occupations with apprenticeship opportunities, in fields as diverse as aerospace, construction, energy, health care, manufacturing, computer programming, and more. The Ohio Carpenters' JATC offers apprenticeships in residential and



ODJFS Director Matt Damschroder gets a tour of the JATC Training Center from lead instructor Aaron Gunderman.



commercial carpentry, floor covering, and millwrighting. More than 2,500 apprentices are enrolled, at no cost to them.

“We are always happy to host events that highlight the career opportunities available through the apprenticeship program,” said Aaron Gunderman, lead commercial carpentry instructor for the Northwest Ohio Carpenters’ JATC. “We want to thank Director Damschroder for visiting the Northwest Ohio Carpenters’ Training Center today.”

Ohioans can find In-Demand Jobs Week events near them by using the [2022 event map](#). For more information about in-demand jobs and high-grown industries in Ohio, visit topjobs.ohio.gov.

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The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services manages vital programs that strengthen Ohio families. These include job training and employment services, unemployment insurance, cash and food assistance, child care, child and adult protective services, adoption, and child support services.

