YWCAAs, through their long-standing and unique position in the communities they serve, recognize that the multiple, immediate needs of their clients hinder successful access and completion of traditional workforce preparation programs. By offering their own unique job opportunities while also addressing the immediate needs of their clients, YWCAAs have developed ways to overcome the gaps in traditional workforce development models. The services YWCAAs provide go beyond what are traditionally considered “workforce engagement/workforce development” programs.

YWCAAs provide workforce development with wrap-around services because they know how critical it is to address multiple, immediate, often crisis-driven needs of women and their families as they gain job readiness skills necessary to become financially self-sufficient. Again, thank you for this opportunity to present today.