

Mott Foundation official agrees with study that says "middle-skill" jobs are key to Michigan rebound

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FLINT, Michigan – A Mott Foundation official said a report concluding middle skill jobs will play a key role in Michigan's economic recovery fall in line with what he has seen in Flint.

In a **recent news article**, Jack Litzenberg, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation senior program officer, confirmed the findings of a new Workforce Alliance study projecting nearly 650,000 'middle-skill' job openings in the state by 2016.

The report released earlier this month said Michigan's economic rebound would be tied to preparing workers for jobs requiring more than a high school diploma but less than a college degree.

"Access to middle skill jobs through education by low-income individuals is a primary step toward launching livable wage careers and a major focus of sectoral employment development," Litzenberg said in the Reuters article.

"Mott has worked with DELEG to establish "regional skill alliances" throughout Michigan, each focused on helping working adults get the necessary post-secondary skills and credentials to advance within specific industry sectors."

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