### To stay or to go:

Attracting and retaining younger workers in New Hampshire

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stayworkplay

## stayworkplay NEWHAMPSHIRE Mission: "To attract and retain more young people in New Hampshire."









## NH is #1

\$39,410 average student loan debt















58%



14%



7%



21%



Of those 21% who live with parents or other family members, 57% do not pay rent.

How many friends do you have that live in an area that you would consider close or easily accessible to you?







#### **REASONS YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVE NH**









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#### **REASONS YOUNG PEOPLE STAY IN NH**









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## **STRATEGIC INITIATIVES**

#### CONNECT

#### **ADVOCATE**

#### BRAND

#### PROMOTE

Decrease the "loneliness factor" experienced by young people in NH.

Educate and build public and legislative support for issues that support young people staying, working, & playing in NH. Improve the perception of NH and the opportunities here among young people from both in-state and out-of-state.

Promote NH, NH employers, and NH post-secondary education institutions to be more attractive to young people.























# boardofadvisors

#### WHAT YOUR ORGANIZATION CAN DO

#### Get to know your employees

# What are their interests? What do they like to do when they're not at work?

#### What are their challenges?

Housing? Student debt? Child care? Lack of friends/ people to date?

#### Talk to policy makers about:

- Your workforce development challenges
- Issues that affect your young workers and the effect it has on your ability to recruit and retain them

#### WHAT YOUR ORGANIZATION CAN DO

#### **Reconsider benefits offered**

- Student loan repayment program and pet insurance ala Fidelity
- Opportunity to volunteer on company time ala Hypertherm
- Allow dogs at work ala Oracle
- Allow infants at work ala Badger

#### Connect employees to:

- Each other via existing affinity groups or create your own ala Fidelity, Badger (running group, knitting group, etc.)
- Community via YPNs, nonprofits, and interest groups (community theater, books clubs, running groups, etc.)

## THANK YOU!

