

The logo for the Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Board is centered in a white circle. It features a stylized blue wave above the text "Arapahoe/Douglas" in a serif font, and "WORKFORCE BOARD" in a bold, sans-serif font below it. The background of the slide is a solid blue color with a repeating pattern of faint, circular, concentric designs.

Arapahoe/Douglas
WORKFORCE BOARD

The Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Board and Family Self-Sufficiency

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What is a 'good business climate?'



- **Education and training based on global standards**
- Modern infrastructure - roads, rail, ports, airports, telecommunications, broadband access, sewer, reliable water and energy
- Stable, fair taxation
- Prepared development sites
- Expedited permitting
- Development and job creation incentives
- Capital availability - venture, equity and debt
- Tech. R&D commercialization
- **Affordable, quality housing**
- **Accessible and affordable, quality healthcare, childcare and elder care**
- Safe communities, schools, parks, streets
- Vibrant and diverse arts, cultural, sports and recreational activities
- High quality protected natural environment
- Embrace of diverse cultures, races and lifestyles
- Collaborative leaders committed to continuous improvement and highest quality of all community assets
- Leadership that constantly challenges the status-quo, searching for a "better way"

From Mike Fitzgerald, CEO, Denver South Economic Development Partnership

Our Vision and Mission

The Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Development Board is dedicated to identifying and promoting workforce development strategies that positively impact the economic wellbeing of Arapahoe and Douglas Counties.

OUR VISION is sustainable employment through strategic human capital investments that produce positive economic returns for our business/ industry and our communities.

OUR MISSION is to create a best in class regional system that is responsive to business/industry that results in a skilled workforce equipped with a work ethic, academic proficiency, and occupational specific talent that rivals our competition.

Essentially, we're trying to help create and maintain greater metro Denver as an opportunity city – a place where someone can work hard and get ahead.

Understanding self-sufficiency wage levels is vital to that endeavor.