

Chautauqua Works

one-stop workforce services

Director's Report

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FUNCTIONAL ALIGNMENT AND OTHER SYSTEM CHANGES

Functional alignment continues to dominate the time and effort on part of the One-Stop and DOL staff. Thanks to Katie & Jill. The assessment team is working to integrate pre-employment testing & WRC, the first draft of the procedure manual is completed, a plan for resource room integration is developed but not fully implemented and labor exchange is beginning its work.

WRC – Work Readiness Credential

Chautauqua is one of seven pilots in the state. Proctors have been trained (1 WIB, 2 CW, 2DOL) and conducted numerous test runs of the instrument. **The test looks great and should be well received by employers.** The administration of the test takes a lot of time and the system is not fully developed yet. We are working with the vendor and State to fix the technology issues as well as test instrument design. We also strongly advocate for the results to be released to the testing sites (or designated partner), as it stands now, only the test taker will receive them which in the case of many of our job seekers, means we are at a risk of them losing them or having them get lost in the mail. Our goal is to get people connected with remediation as soon as possible so having the results available will help.

North County Health Care Career Campaign

North County High Schoolers will be attending a Health Care Career Campaign on December 12. Hands on demonstrations done by the staff of local health care organizations.

SUNY Fredonia – High Tech Incubator

The WIB is a subcontractor with SUNY Fredonia for the implementation of the Incubator program. The land has been transferred to SUNY from the City of Dunkirk and the building is scheduled to begin in 2007. The Advisory Group is in the process of hiring a Director. Programming will be developed to support local businesses as well as the skill levels of entrepreneurs connected to the Incubator.

21st Century Grant – Dunkirk Schools

The program continues to serve Hispanic parents to develop workforce skills. While doing workforce training, parenting skills are being developed to encourage parents to keep students in school. Innovative groups to work with faith based organizations.

Youth Grants -

Operations JOBS will be launched in Jamestown in January (seven youth identified) – Project YES is wrapping up in Dunkirk.

Spitzer Transition – Washington – NYATEP

Working as Board member of NYATEP to develop and influence transition and future State policies. Advocating based on our Board priorities of local decision-making, demand industries, etc. John Twomey is on one of the transition teams. Washington shifts are occurring and seems to be focusing on regionalism, things are more positive for future WIA funding and policy.