

THE STATE OF WORKPLACE EDUCATION IN THE STATES

CONNECTICUT

Funding

- \$3,243,994 state and federal funding allocated under WIA Title II
- 75% of the funding from federal resources
- Employers contribute through targeted funding, release time for employees, and the provision of supplies and materials.

Current Initiative/s

- The state is very involved with the implementation of the CT Workforce Education Initiative. This initiative has been made possible through a two-year federal incentive grant under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). The goals of the initiative are to increase adult education's ability to provide workforce education and to develop a system for workforce education based on stronger links between adult education and its partners in the One-Stop system.

Barriers to Workplace Education

- The size and capabilities of workplace education programs are not adequate to respond to the needs of employers to offer onsite programs.
- There is a lack of skilled teachers who can teach in the workplace.

Location of programs

- All programs are offered in the workplace
 - Manufacturing companies
 - Hotels and hospitals
 - Retail sites, insurance companies
 - Pharmaceutical companies

Responsibility for implementation at the local level

- LEA's

Support Services

- Training
- Curriculum development
- Marketing
- Partnership building (i.e. brokering with state associations)
- Policies and support for one-stops

One-Stop Connections

- The new initiative will bring employers and One-Stop staff in each region together to provide informational training on the services offered, how to access services, costs involved and the process for initiating instruction.

Workplace Education Program Qualities

States	State/Local Partners	Student Enrollment	State Staff	State Led Effort
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Connecticut	One-Stops, Employer Advisory Group, LEA's and SDE Staff	3-5%	Contractual	Yes
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Additional Information Available: An article regarding Connecticut's new *Workforce Education Initiative*.