

THE STATE OF WORKPLACE EDUCATION IN THE STATES

FLORIDA

Funding

- 25% of the funding comes from Federal funds
- 75% of the funding comes from state and other funding.
- Employers contribute through in-kind services such as internships and on the job training. They also provide student supplies, facility usage, utilities, miscellaneous supplies and computer technology.

Current Initiatives

Florida State Plan for Adult Education and Family Literacy, section 9.0 Integrations with Other Adult Education and Training Activities which involves the integration of support from (WIA), Title I partners and maximization of resources necessary to successfully accomplish the intent of this legislation.

The Florida Business and Education Partnership promotes local business partnering to deliver programs and services. Annually, the Governor, the Department of Education and local community leadership organizations recognize outstanding partnerships.

The Florida Works Curriculum developed via state leadership funds provided a common “Soft Skills” Curriculum System to promote participation in workforce education statewide.

Barriers to Workplace Education

- Availability of funding.
- An understanding of how program partnerships work toward maximizing resources.

Location of programs

- 25% of the programs are offered in the workplace

Also offered in:

- LEA's
- Community Colleges
- Worksites
- One Stop Centers
- Workforce Board facilities
- Business locations

Responsibility for implementation at the local level

- Community colleges
- LEA's

- Employers
- Learning Centers
- Combination of the above
- Department of Juvenile Justice sites
- Workforce Board facilities

Support Services

- Training
- Curriculum development
- Marketing
- Partnership building (i.e. brokering with state associations)
- Policies and support for one-stops
- Strategic planning
- Resource development
- *Statewide Recognition Ceremony*
- Awards programs

One-Stop Connections

There are partnerships between the local adult education program and One Stop (Regional Workforce Boards).

Workplace Education Program Qualities

State	State Partners	Enrollment	State Staff	State Led Effort
Florida	Department of Education Workforce Florida Alternative Education Department of Juvenile Justice Chamber of commerce	*3 participants in Work-based Programs, *10,759 Participants in Workplace Literacy	Part-time state staff and contractual	Yes

*Numbers reported are for the 2002-2203 academic year.

This information was compiled from conversations with staff of the Florida Department of Education.