

THE STATE OF WORKPLACE EDUCATION IN THE STATES NEW YORK

Funding

- \$500,000 of WIA Title II funding goes to Workplace Literacy projects
- 0% of the funding is from federal resources
- Employers contribute through targeted funding.

Current Initiative's

- New York has a total of \$11.2 million in contracts with the Consortium for Worker Education, an affiliate of the AFL-CIO.

Barriers to Workplace Education

- Just-in-time funding.
 - Several employers need literacy programs that can respond to new needs, as in an influx of immigrants. The application process forces agencies to project community needs a year ahead of time. As all funds must be awarded on a competitive basis, funds cannot be held to address emerging needs.

Location of programs

- The AFL-CIO has 6 training centers in the state, and the Consortium for Worker Education has a number of training sites.
- Programs are also offered at the job sites.

Responsibility for implementation at the local level

- Community colleges
- LEA's
- Employers
- Learning Centers Adult education providers

Support Services

- Training
- Curriculum development

One-Stop Connections

- Programs are connected to One-Stops.
- Some regional Staff Development Consortia Directors have taken a leadership role in implementing workplace literacy at the local level.

Workplace Education Program Qualities

States	State Partners	Student Enrollment	State Staff	State Led Effort
New York	AFL-CIO	Above 10%	No*	No

*Office is not able to replace recently retired staff member assigned to workplace education because of a state hiring freeze.

Additional Information Available: None