

# **THE STATE OF WORKPLACE EDUCATION IN THE STATES**

## ***WISCONSIN***

### **Funding**

- Wisconsin supports its workplace education programs with 100% of funding from the state and other sources.
- Employers contribute by matching funds for a two year workplace education grant cycle
  - First year of funding, Employers 25%, state funds 75%
  - Second year of funding, Employers 50%, state funds 50%

### **Current Initiatives**

Although there are specific initiatives for workplace education underway, state funding was allotted and regular meetings, at the state and regional level; with workplace coordinators and staff are held to discuss various issues and the direction of the program. Workplace education in Wisconsin is tied to legislation through Section 38.27, 1A – Incentive Grants.

### **Barriers to Workplace Education**

- The current economic climate prevents businesses from pursuing workplace training.
- The lack of state and local funding due to current budget constraints.
- Internal coordination and implementation issues associated with workplace education initiatives.

### **Location of programs**

- 90% of workplace education programs are offered on-site.

### **Responsibility for implementation at the local level**

- Community colleges
- LEA's
- Employers
- Learning Centers

### **Support Services**

- Training
- Marketing
- Partnership Building
- Curriculum Development
- Assessments, professional development, obtaining and developing resource materials, providing internal/external support with colleagues and workplace organizations.

### **One-Stop Connections**

- A small percentage of workplace education programs are connected to one-stop services.

### Workplace Education Program Qualities

State	State Partners	Enrollment	State Staff	State Led Effort
Washington	Department of Workforce Development, Wisconsin Economic Development Association, Workforce Development Boards, Adult Continuing Education/Economic Development (WTCS)	Less than 3%	Part-time	No