

RCTC Report

March 2005

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- Term IV classes begin the week of March 21. Currently 120 people have registered in at least one of 29 classes. Some classes only have one person registered so not all classes will be running. Under-enrolled classes will be canceled by March 18.
- A new course has been added to our catalog in the Automotive Technologies. Small Block Rebuild I and Small Block Rebuild II will instruct students in rebuilding engines. The first class is scheduled to begin March 30th.
- Springtime brings Job / Career Fairs. We have been invited to participate in several upcoming events including Erie CareerLink, Corry Higher Education Council, and Bayfront NATO, Inc.
- The popularity and demand for workers in medical office occupations may be leading to an industry certification. There are a several professional organizations that offer on-line testing for certification. Further investigation is being conducted with these organizations as well as local employers so that our courses in medical technologies will remain valid.

New Choices/New Options

- The Pennsylvania Women Work! Board retreat in Mylesburg PA on February 24 and 25 was very productive. Preparations began for hosting our statewide “Leadership Day” in Harrisburg in conjunction with “Pay Equity Day” on April 19th at the request of Senator Jane Orie. Much discussion concerned continued funding for the 24 NC/NO programs in Pennsylvania. Several members are giving a presentation to the Workforce Investment Board directors in Harrisburg on March 16th. We are also exploring additional sources of funding and monitoring the state budget.
- Several presentations/workshops have been scheduled with community groups. The evening of March 31st we will present an information session to several neighborhood and church groups at Bethany Lutheran Church. A resume workshop will be delivered to clients of Family Services Mother-to-Mother program at their spring workshop on Saturday, April 23. We are also developing a summer program for Central High School’s teen parent population. And last but not least, we are preparing to provide job readiness skills to the pre-release center residents at the Erie County Court House.