

RCTC Report

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Classes

Registration for Term IV begins the week of February 27th. We placed classified ads with the Erie Times-News and Penny Saver. We tend to get numerous phone calls when these ads run and it is hopefully building awareness of what we have to offer. Term IV begins the week of March 20th.

Two new classes have been added to the course offerings. Blueprint Reading for Welders is a new 45 hour class offered in response to employer needs. Advanced Medical Coding, also 45 hours, has been added to better prepare students for entry-level employment.

NEW CHOICES/NEW OPTIONS

Only six participants began the February 13th class which isn't unusual for this time of year. We will be addressing caseworkers at Erie County Assistance Office next week to explain our program in detail and ask their help in referring clients. We have not done a presentation at the welfare office in many years so it will be good to educate new staff members about this resource for their clients.

The Governor's Budget has once again "blue-lined" funding for the New Choices / New Options program. This line item funds 24 very successful programs throughout the state and we are optimistic the funding will be restored.

Mary Ellen Camp is attending a Board meeting for Pennsylvania Women Work in Pittsburgh on February 23 and 24. PAWW obtained a strategic planning grant from the Forbes Foundation and we will be meeting with Linda Dickerson and Associates to formulate this plan. If you would like to know more about Pennsylvania Women Work! visit www.pawomenwork.org