

RCTC Report

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Classes

Term III begins the week of January 23rd. The response to our ads has been positive. We have 29 classes operating with a current total of 188 students.

Erie Workforce Development Group

Mary Ellen has begun attending these monthly meetings with area training providers, WIB and CareerLink personnel. These information and planning sessions help us understand the training needs of local business and industry and enable us to work together to meet those needs.

Secretary position

Susan Tatalone and Carrie Britton are sharing the RCTC secretarial position, both working 20 hours per week. They have been very busy answering numerous inquiries, registering students, proctoring emissions tests, organizing files, and making sure books and supplies are ready for Term III. It has definitely been a month of “on-the-job training.”

NEW CHOICES/NEW OPTIONS

Class Update

Fourteen women are participating in the current NC/NO program, which will run through January 31st. The next program is scheduled to begin on February 13th.

Women Work!

“Women Work!” The National Network for Women’s Employment, advocates for the economic security of women and families through policies, programs and partnerships. Pennsylvania Women Work! is a state affiliate of this organization and Mary Ellen currently serves as Board President.

The National Network recently put out a request to nationwide membership, looking for former program participants to speak at their 2006 annual conference. They selected two women; one to address the conference participants and the other to address legislators at a Capitol Hill event. Mary Ellen’s nominee was selected for the Capitol Hill event. This former New Choices/New Options participant has made extraordinary gains in her life. When she entered New Choices, she was a high school dropout, single mother of three and receiving welfare. Today she holds a Master’s degree and is a family therapist. She is also a fervent advocate for New Choices/New Options. We are thrilled that she was selected and are looking forward to the event.