

RCTC Report
February 2007

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Term III began January 22. We currently have 199 students enrolled, which is about a 15% increase over this term last year. Once again the demand for welding has exceeded the class size limit, prompting us to add a Saturday class.

Classes for Term IV, beginning March 19, will soon be advertised in the Erie Times and the Penny Saver.

We will share a booth with ECTS at the upcoming "Expo Erie" at the Civic Center sponsored by the Erie Engineering Society. The dates are February 20 – 22. Elaine Shaffer has organized coverage of the three day event which will be shared among ten staff.

We are also participating at the Erie Careers Job Fair taking place on March 15. This is a new event being held at the Intermodal Transportation Building. We're looking forward to letting people know about our adult training programs, job opportunities, and career development program, (NC/NO).

New Choices/ New Options

The NC/NO class meeting at Mercyhurst West completed on January 24. The staff has welcomed us and we have enjoyed working in this facility. We look forward to continuing this relationship in the future.

The next two classes starting February 5 and March 5 will be offered at the Bethany Outreach Center at E. 10th and German St., in Erie.

Mary Ann Eisenreich, executive director of PA Women Work and Mary Ellen Camp met with the HR Manager at Presque Isle Downs to discuss job opportunities for the New Choices clients. We were pleasantly surprised we did not have to define "displaced homemaker" to Rosanne Thompson. She had the experience of hiring displaced homemakers in previous positions and found them to be the best workers. She has agreed to review all applications received from NC/NO participants.

