

Regional Career & Technical Center Report—August 2007

RCTC

Adult evening classes begin on September 4. Mailers were delivered to business and industry in mid-August. Our course schedule has been advertised in the Erie Times-News and Penny Saver. Also, ads were placed in the Erie Chamber and Manufacturer's Association magazines. For the first time, we are advertising on local TV (Channel 24) and on three billboards (West 38 & Liberty, East 38 & Davison, West 23 & Peninsula).

An employer advisory committee hosted by CareerLink has developed a list of desirable skills for potential employees. To try to meet these needs an "Employability Skills System Committee" has been formed. Mary Ellen attended the first meeting on July 27. The goal is to identify a regionally recognized workforce readiness credential and create a system matrix of programs and services to assist the jobseeker.

The Erie Times News and CareerLink are sponsoring a Career Fair to be held September 18 at the Bayfront Convention Center. We have reserved a booth to display RCTC and New Choices/New Options information.

New Choices/ New Options

The New Choices/New Options e-grant is due by August 31. Some changes have been made to the 2007-08 guidelines. Program hours must be 100 or more and there is a stronger emphasis on nontraditional career development. In addition, programs are required to establish and maintain effective linkages with CareerLink centers. To meet this requirement, we will be offering classes at the CareerLink center this year. The first class will begin on September 10.

This August, we completed four workshops at Hope House, (a homeless shelter for families), as part of their "Life Skills" series to residents. We covered topics in Self-Esteem, Stress Management, Decision-Making, and Time Management.

Mary Ellen attended the Fall In-Service in Harrisburg on August 21 and 22.