

RCTC Report May 2009

RCTC

Term V is in session through June 25. There are seven classes running and a total of 44 students. In addition, we ran an Enhanced Emissions class with six students and our May State Inspection class had 28 students, one of the largest classes in some time.

One of our RCTC Instructors had emergency surgery in May and was unable to complete Term IV. Another instructor took over the remaining four classes so students were able to earn their certificates.

All 12 students in the six-week customized welding program, (Carpenter's Union), passed certification testing on May 9.

Mary Ellen attended a meeting with county, state and federal prison and parole agencies. Following the "Second Chance Act" goals, they are looking at local training institutes that their population could access. They also want to build partnerships with local training, education, and employment providers to help them access federal earmarks for such training.

New Choices/ New Options

The annual Leadership Day for all NC/NO programs around the state was held in Harrisburg on April 28. Christi Smith of Union City received a scholarship from PA Women Work. Senator Earll presented her with a special commendation for her hard work and she also met with Representative Curt Sonney.

At the state-wide in-service in May we received a draft of the new guidelines for next year. We will be under the Department of Labor and Industry as we are now considered to be part of the workforce development efforts in Pennsylvania. We await the passing of the State budget to be able to submit grants.

New Choices classes are complete for this year; follow-up and individual appointments are on-going with program completers.

Other

April 27	PA Women Work Board Meeting, Harrisburg
May 12	Erie County Assistance Office Board Meeting
May 12, 18	PA Women Work Executive Board Conference Calls