

RCTC Report October 2009

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Registration for Term II runs October 12 through 23. The schedule appeared in the Erie Times-News classified section and the Showcase.

We are now listed as a training provider for welding with the New York State WIB. This was initiated by a student who lives in Chautauqua County and has attended classes here in the past.

On October 19, Mary Ellen spoke to seniors at Central's Flagship High School about career exploration and training opportunities at the Regional Career & Technical Center.

Dr. Jackson and Mary Ellen have been working on a Weatherization Training Provider Grant administered by the Department of Labor & Industry. This grant will provide certification to workers who receive federal funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to perform weatherization work. L&I has created three certifications for this grant: installers, crew chiefs, and auditors. Training for all three positions must be offered at least four times a year. This grant, covering the northwest region of PA, is being submitted as a partnership between Edinboro University, GECAC, and ECTS, with ECTS being the training provider. If approved, we hope to be able to begin training in early January. We will need to hire instructors who must be certified through Penn College and purchase equipment for this training. The construction trades program will assist by building a mock-up for weatherization training purposes. The grant is for one year, with an opportunity for subsequent grants based on performance.

New Choices/ New Options

New Choices funding in the State Budget is 1.5 million. This represents a 63% decrease in statewide funding from 2008-09. A conference call with Pennsylvania Women Work suggests \$75,000 per program which would be a 53% decrease in our program budget. We are awaiting directions from the Department of Labor & Industry.