

RCTC Report April 2011

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Registration began on April 26 for the final term of this school year. This term offers fewer classes, (17), than the other four terms and thus typically has the lowest enrollment. Classes begin on May 16 and go to the end of June.

Our PA State Inspection program was audited by the State on March 25. The Safety Officer met with Mary Ellen Camp and Dave Michalak and everything was found to be in order.

WANTO (Women in Apprenticeship and Non-Traditional Occupations)

The pre-apprenticeship program continues to meet Monday through Thursday each week. We have added an additional week to the schedule to provide more hands-on experience. So far, the women have received 21 hours of carpentry and 6 hours of plumbing. They are in the middle of an OSHA 10 certification class and will soon be working in the electrical area. In addition there are weekly classes in Blueprint Reading, Math, and "Soft Skills".

Mary Ellen Camp submitted a proposal to the Erie Community Foundation for an Economy grant addressing key indicators of employment, per-capita income, and poverty. This grant would provide nontraditional and pre-apprenticeship training for approximately 20 women from community non-profits such as SafeNet, Mercy Center for Women, Erie Dawn, and St. Martins Center. ECTS would be the fiscal agent and provide the training. The non-profits would provide recruitment, case management/support services, and tracking of progress and outcomes.

New Choices

A new class began on April 26 at the Erie City School District's Adult Learning Center on West 18th. This location is more accessible to those who live in the city and especially to those who lack transportation. The Adult Learning Center provides space free of charge and has additional services that may be beneficial to some of the participants. This group will meet in the afternoons for 15 days.

Meetings

April 1:	New Choices statewide conference call
April 1:	WANTO programs conference call
April 11:	PAWW Executive Committee Meeting (conference call)
April 11:	Great Lakes Building & Construction Trades Pipeline Committee meeting
April 20:	PAWW Executive Committee Meeting (conference call)