

RCTC Report August 2011

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Term I begins the day after Labor Day. We have a full schedule of classes being offered and registration has been steady; the Basic Welding class filled up on the second day of registration.

We provided 12 hours of Blueprint Reading to employees at AMSAFE this month. Training was done on-site over a four-day period.

We will have a table at the Erie Career Fair at the Convention Center on August 31.

WANTO (Women in Apprenticeship and Non-Traditional Occupations)

WANTO is a federal two-year grant from the Department of Labor and Industry, Women's Bureau. The goal is to increase diversity in the construction trades apprenticeship programs by preparing women for these occupations. We will begin our second 12-week program on September 12. Ads placed in the Sunday classified section have given us a good response.

We are also partnering with several local non-profits to aid us in recruitment and retention. This partnership is made possible by a grant we received from the Erie Community Foundation. Partners include Strategy Solutions, the Great Lakes Building and Construction Trades Industry Partnership, SafeNet, Erie Dawn, Mercy Center for Women, and St. Martins Center.

New Choices

In 2010-11, New Choices delivered five 60-hour programs of career counseling and preparation to 60 single parents and displaced homemakers and others in transition. An additional 18 individuals received follow-up or short-term services. Of the 60 participants receiving 60 hours or more of service, 13 entered new jobs by May 2011 and 48 were placed in further training towards employment.

The 2011-12 grant was submitted on August 12. We are looking at some creative ways of programming since funding received a 60% cut from last year. While this is a significant loss, we are reminded of the fact we were not completely cut from the State Budget.

Meetings, Travel

July 8:	New Choices Program Statewide Conference Call
July 28:	Strategy Solutions, Pre-Apprentice program
August 9:	Partnership meeting for Pre-apprenticeship program