



REGIONAL INDUSTRY SKILLS EDUCATION

First Year Highlights

Governor Doyle announces that he will seek nearly \$2 million in new funding:

- \$1.5 million for Opportunity Grants to train low-wage workers not currently eligible for financial aid with up to \$1000 per year; and,
- \$400,000 to establish Skills Jump Start Pilot Training Grants to further support the ABE Bridge and career pathway work

Wisconsin's career pathway model guiding policy change and funding

- RISE Guidelines define Wisconsin's vision of career pathways for adults and spell out the operational elements that should be included.
- The Guidelines are posted at www.risepartnership.org. The career pathway model is also impacting requests for proposals and various planning guidelines.

Leaders from Wisconsin and other states inform and guide RISE

- Six regional meetings hosted from June to September engaging over 250 education and workforce leaders to discuss career pathways for adults, create a gap analysis and identify policy and program barriers to implementing a career pathways program in WI.
 - An Executive Summary and the full report of those discussions are available on the RISE website.
- Over 200 attend RISE Leadership Conference in September to learn from experiences in Washington, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and their successful efforts to implement regional, sector-based career pathways
 - Wisconsin Technical College Adult Basic Education leaders delved further into Washington's I-Best model as a potential direction for Wisconsin.
- The RISE Steering Committee attended a two-day cross-state meeting conference in Chicago hosted by the Joyce Foundation and learned more from Oregon, Washington and the other states funded by the Shifting Gears initiative.
 - A second gathering is now planned for May 2008)

Adult Basic Education and English Language Learners developing better bridges to occupational training success

- Plans underway to introduce new learning model aimed at improving adult learner's success as they transition into post secondary training and is modeled after the State of Washington's I-Best Program
- In 2008, capacity building training, development of contextual curricula and pilots of the new design are expected to be launched.

RISE increasing capacity for data based decision making

- RISE Target Population identified based on low wage data of adult workers.
- New research tool that accesses multiple data resources is currently being tested and refined for use in creating baseline data and tracking the future impact of career pathways and bridge programs.