



Workforce Central Funders Collaborative

Since 2008, the Workforce Central Funders Collaborative has leveraged and invested \$2.3 million to build the capacity of our local workforce and education systems to better meet the needs of residents seeking employment and businesses a skilled workforce.

Initial investments focused on:

- Industry engagement, capacity building and training in the manufacturing, healthcare and information technology industry sectors
- Training in basic education, digital literacy, and job search skills required by today's employers
- Support to low-income training participants including childcare transportation and strong case management ►

Workforce Central Ultimate Outcome

Everyone in the south Wood County area who wants to work has ample opportunities to prepare for and secure a family sustaining job and advance in a career over time. Current and prospective workers conveniently access a comprehensive, seamless array of education, training and support services, provided by a strong partnership of employers, educators and service providers that take shared responsibility for a healthy workforce, economy and job market.

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Workforce Central has become a model for rural communities across the country and for the National Fund for Workforce Solutions, nfwfsolutions.org. In 2010 Workforce Central became the first rural Social Innovation Fund sub-grantee through the National Fund and the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Workforce Central

Workforce Central brings together philanthropy, employers, government, and educational and service providers. Strategies:

- Convene community stakeholders for shared learning and comprehensive planning.
- Fund worker training that will have a direct and sustainable impact on business.
- Build the capacity of organizations to enhance the local network of services available to workers and job seekers.
- Advocate for public policies that support workers and employers