



KEYTRAIN AND
WORKKEYS
USAGES IN

WIA SYSTEMS

WorkKeys®



outcomes

Productive Community Partnerships

Career Readiness Certifications

Economic Impact

People with High-Demand Skills

KeyTrain in Workforce Development and WIA Systems

Indiana – Statewide with all WIA’s

Arkansas – Statewide with Department of Workforce Services

Oklahoma – Statewide with WIA/ESC

North Dakota – Statewide with Job Services

Connecticut – Statewide with One Stops

West Virginia – State contract for One Stops

Colorado – State contract for One Stops

Georgia – ½ of all One Stops

South Carolina – Over ½ of all One Stops

Tennessee - Over ½ of all One Stops

Building Work Skills for Life

In today’s globally competitive economy, businesses across the country are demanding higher skilled workers. Workforce development and WIA systems have met this ever-increasing challenge head on with WorkKeys® and KeyTrain®, providing career-ready candidates to business and industry in their local areas.

PeeDee Workforce Investment Board, Florence, South Carolina was recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor for its innovative ways in meeting the needs of area businesses by getting potential employees work-ready. Only 18 WIBs in the nation were chosen for this recognition.

One of the essential tools the PeeDee Workforce Investment Board has implemented is WorkKeys and KeyTrain. The system helps cut the cost of recruiting, selecting, hiring and training employees by identifying key generic skills, such as reading for information, and applied math. The positive response they have received from business and industry indicates how much it was needed. McLeod Health – one of the largest area employers voiced its approval of the program, citing the number of people trained at one time and the fact that the program places people in careers, not just jobs.

The Peninsula Workforce Development Center in Virginia and Thomas Nelson Community College (TNCC) created a “pipeline” program using WorkKeys to effectively screen potential candidates and assess the skills relative to the skills needed for jobs with local companies. TNCC created an open-entry-open-exit KeyTrain Learning Lab, which is available for

use by the community. Local companies like the program because it helps them effectively fills job openings. This project’s success resulted in an unsolicited federal grant of \$2 million from the Department of Labor.

The Southeast Development Group, Chattanooga, Tennessee. The Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development selected the Chattanooga Community to implement the first model leading to a statewide, cross-industry, cross-occupational portable skills credential, the Tennessee CRC.

The effort involves the Southeast Tennessee Workforce Investment Board, the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce and Chattanooga State Technical Community College, and is endorsed by many area organizations, including support by KeyTrain. The partnership achieved is remarkable. This community-wide project has received such great results that it was expanded to a tri-state region in Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee for economic and workforce development.

Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD): All WIA regions and partner agency offices around the state use KeyTrain with customers to prepare them for the WorkKeys and the CRC. The DWD has consistently chosen KeyTrain as the favored WorkKeys curriculum since the inception of their Indiana Career Readiness Certificate in 2003. “Our staff and our customers simply like KeyTrain better because of it’s easy to use interface, excellent content and superb customer service”. Pat Miller – Former Office Manager – East Central Opportunities (DWD Regional Operator), Muncie, IN.

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