

Why This Model?

The Community Career Centre is a collaborative effort by businesses, labour, schools, government departments, and community organizations to support the career development of youth. Our common goal is to help young people develop the skills they need to continually make effective career decisions throughout their lives. The Community Career Centre model, initiated in February 2000, is based on these and other characteristics:

Strong Foundation

- founded on community consensus and extensive research, most recently supported by Knowledge Matters, Skills & Learning for Canadians, January 2002

Enhances Existing Strategies

- builds upon Province's Strategic Social Plan
 - Regional Economic Development Boards
 - Jobs & Growth Strategies
 - Youth Employment Action Plan

Partnership Endeavor

- partnership approach...youth in and out-of-school, employed and unemployed, "at risk" and not "at risk", parents, educators, employers, labour, community groups, organizations

Clear Results

- action orientated and focused on results...results to date:
 - 28 partner organizations actively involved
 - 18 program site coordinators
 - 279 job shadowing participants...posted interviews
 - 81 out-of-school participants
 - 51 employer volunteers...Speakers Bureau
 - 81 employer volunteers...E-mail Advisors
 - 220+ members, Career Development Network
 - 200+ members, Community Career Centre

Continuum of Career Development Initiatives

- creates a continuum of career development initiatives within the K-12 system, establishes linkages with the post-secondary system, and reaches out to enhance community initiatives.

Collaborative Synergy

- creates a "collaborative synergy" between youth and career practitioners and enhances the skill development of both

Maximizes Community Resources

- facilitates a process that maximizes community resources to impact a maximum number of young people

Friendly, Co-operative Approach

- inclusive, non-stigmatizing, visible and responsive to addressing identified needs