



West Virginia DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION

WV Common Ground Partnership and Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) State Council

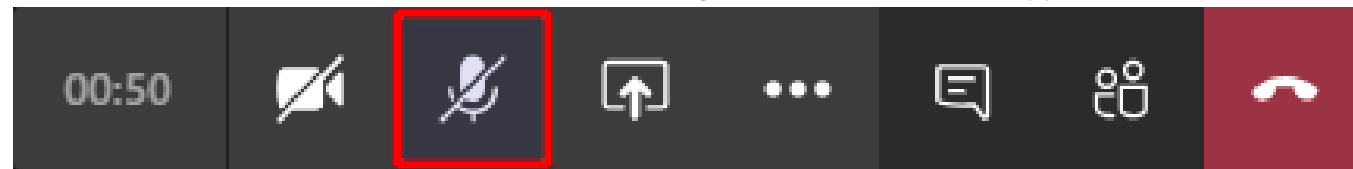
Summer Meeting
July 2020

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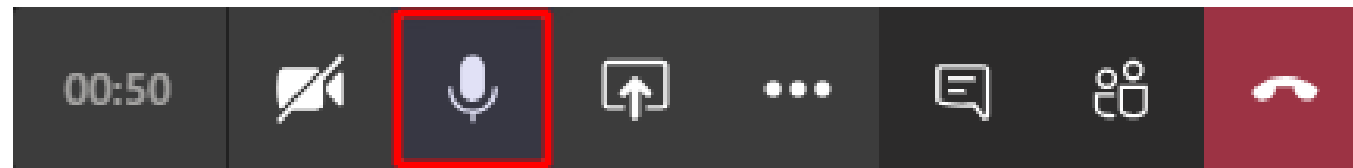
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Welcome

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Summer Agenda

1. Introduction
 - State Superintendent of Schools, Mr. W. Clayton Burch
2. Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) State Council Meeting
 - State Commissioner, Mr. Christopher Cmiel
3. Common Ground Partnership
 - Review of the 2019-2020 school year
 - Planning discussion for the 2020-2021 school year
4. Presentation
 - Career Readiness WV Update, Mr. Frank Vitale

Introduction

State Superintendent of Schools

Mr. W. Clayton Burch



MILITARY INTERSTATE
CHILDREN'S COMPACT
COMMISSION

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MILITARY INTERSTATE
CHILDREN'S COMPACT
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The Military Interstate Children's Compact was developed in 2006 and has been adopted by all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity. The Compact eases the educational challenges that military children encounter, and supports uniform treatment as they transfer between school districts.

The Compact only applies to public schools.

Compact Quick Fact Guide

Goal of the Compact

To overcome transitional issues experienced by military families when their children move to a new school in another state.

Member States

All states and the District of Columbia.

Applies to

Active duty members of uniformed services including the National Guard and Reserve members on active duty orders pursuant to 10 U.S.C. §1209 and 1211, as well as veterans who are severely injured and medically discharged for one year after medical discharge or retirement, and veterans who die on active duty for a period of one year after death.

Educational Records

Receiving member states must accept unofficial records for initial enrollment and then the sending member state must submit official records within 10 days of receipt of the request for records.

Immunizations

A child who is unable to provide official documented proof of at least one dose of each required vaccination must be automatically enrolled and/or homebound services will be provided within 3 days, to ensure educational services are immediately provided while the first dose(s) of all required immunizations are confirmed. Note: Tuberculosis testing is currently not required for enrollment in WV schools.

Kindergarten and 1st Grade Entrance Age

A student who moves may continue in the same grade in the receiving state regardless of the entrance age requirements of the receiving state.

Course and Educational Program Placement

School districts must initially honor equivalent course enrollment or program placement (ex. Gifted, AP, etc.), if available. Then, evaluation may occur to ensure appropriate placement. Space must be available, and member states must demonstrate reasonable accommodations.

Special Education

Receiving schools must use the sending state's IEP until a new IEP may be conducted/evaluated.

Placement Flexibility

The Compact encourages schools to waive course prerequisites as appropriate to the content, when similar coursework was completed (ex. Requirement to pass Geometry before taking Algebra).

Absence Related to Deployment

The Compact establishes guidelines for enhanced flexibility with excused absences for military families on active duty orders (one month before deployment and six months after return).

Enrollment

During deployments it may be necessary for students to stay with a non-custodial parent or someone in loco parentis. Guardianship of a student under these circumstances should not prevent or negatively impact enrollment (a power of attorney is sufficient). The family may keep their school as long as the guardian provides transportation.

Extracurricular Participation

Deadlines for application are not grounds for disqualification. The school must demonstrate reasonable accommodation, but is not required to hold open or create additional space on teams.

Course Waivers

Substituting equivalent coursework is required (ex. West Virginia History for Ohio History). Reasonable justification is required for denial of a course waiver.

Transfers as a Senior in High School

The receiving state works with the sending school district to issue a diploma, if the student is a senior in High School (ex. using a memorandum of understanding between schools).



West Virginia's Approach:

Proactive Communications with Educators and Military Families Statewide

Including...

- WV Common Ground Partnership Compact
- Annual State Superintendent's update message
- Development of a brochure and guidance document for West Virginia
- WVDE MIC3 page on the Common Ground website



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During FY 2020, there was 1 inquiry

Issue: A student moved from WY to WV with a high school level integrated science course completed, but high school equivalency was not identified on the transcript and the name of the course did not match Earth and Space Science, which was a required prerequisite in WV for the student to begin Biology I at the appropriate grade level.

- The parent contacted the WV State Compact Commissioner and the WVDE contacted the WV school district. A phone conference was facilitated to find resolutions.
- As a result of the conversation, the WV school district's central office staff member analyzed the transcript further and contacted the WY school district to seek clarity.

Resolution: The student received course credit equivalent to Earth and Space Science at the high school level in WV, allowing enrollment in Biology I at the appropriate grade level.



Year in Review 2019-2020



Supporting the Success of All Students



Partners

Office of Governor Jim Justice

West Virginia Board of Education

West Virginia Veterans Council



Army and Airforce



Topics

- Speaker Series Visits
- Participation in Career Readiness West Virginia
- Contact with Communities in Schools Site Coordinators
- Collaboration with ReClaimWV
- Troops to Teachers Program
- Boots to Bus Drivers Program

Speaker Series Visits

- During 2018-2019 visit requests increased to a total of 16
- The number of visits requests was reduced to only 6 by COVID 19
- The capacity of military organizations to respond to Speaker Series requests may be impacted by COVID 19
- Focus on providing resources at <https://wvde.us/commonground/>

Note: Schools are not required to submit requests via our website and visits may continue beyond initial website requests.

Career Readiness West Virginia

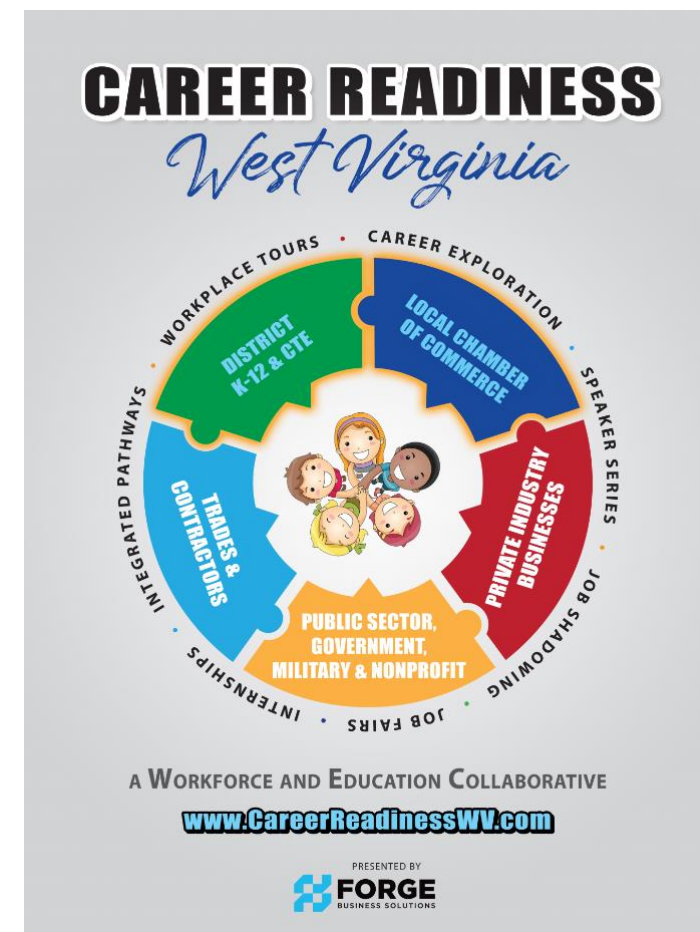
Forge Business Solutions: Frank Vitale

- Initiative designed to bring various stakeholders together and explore partnerships that will benefit students and the workforce
- Member organizations of the WV Common Ground Partnership attended and provided input
- Reports generated to inform County Superintendents about workplace needs and opportunities for students

Complete information about this initiative may be accessed at:

<http://careerreadinesswv.com/>

- Website includes a key stakeholder meetings calendar



Communities in Schools

WVDE Representative: Cynthia Sorsaia

- Program designed to prevent dropouts and support the physical, psychological, and social needs of students
- Provides for partnerships which bring resources into schools and help remove barriers to student learning
- Site Coordinators tailor services to the needs of individual students. Services may encompass academic help, provision of health care, counseling, transportation, donated goods, mentoring, afterschool programs, and much more.
- List of site coordinators provided to Common Ground Partners prior to Fall 2019 meeting

Complete information about this program may be accessed at:

<https://wvde.us/cis/>



ReClaim West Virginia

WVDE Representative: Stephanie Hayes

- Initiative designed to advance the wellness and resilience of West Virginia students so they may become lifelong learners, productive citizens, and successful individuals
- The WV Common Ground Partnership and our speaker series is listed in the initiative's resources and trainings
- Resources include age appropriate strategies for addressing several topics central to our guest speaker series (ex. substance abuse). See details in the Speaker Series section of <https://wvde.us/commonground/>.

Complete information about this initiative may be accessed at:

<https://wvde.us/reclaimwv/>



The Troops to Teachers Program

WVDE Representative: Robert Mellace

Qualifying members may be eligible to receive:

- Career counseling
- Job placement assistance
- Financial assistance

Program eligibility and financial assistance for the program are solely determined and distributed by the National Troops to Teachers Office in Florida.

To learn more visit www.proudtoserveagain.com and www.teachwv.com or
Contact the Office of Educator Development and Support at 304.558.3119





From Boots to Buses



Boots to Bus Drivers is an initiative of the West Virginia Department of Education, in partnership with Operation Welcome Home and the West Virginia Department of Veterans Assistance, that connects retired and transitioning active-duty military service members with the training they need for a career as a school bus operator. The program is designed to not only provide full funding for training and CDL fees, but also help with the successful transition back into civilian life.

Contact the Office of School Facilities & School Transportation for complete details at 304.558.2711

Planning Discussion for 2020-2021

Discussion Topics:

- Limits to Speaker Series speaker availability
- Ways of adapting to reach students with our message online
- Ways to enhance collaboration with schools during COVID 19
- Expectations for resuming in-person school visits during 2021-2022

***Note:** The Common Ground Partnership Compact signing event is tentatively scheduled to take place at the end of the 2021 calendar year.*

Idea for Creating Speaker Series Topic Videos

State Board of Education

State Superintendent

Support & Accountability

Teaching & Learning

Technical & Adult Education

Educator Request for the Speaker Series

Home > Common Ground > Educator Request for the Speaker Series

Common Ground Speaker Series

If you are a West Virginia educator, please review the following list of Speaker Series topics:

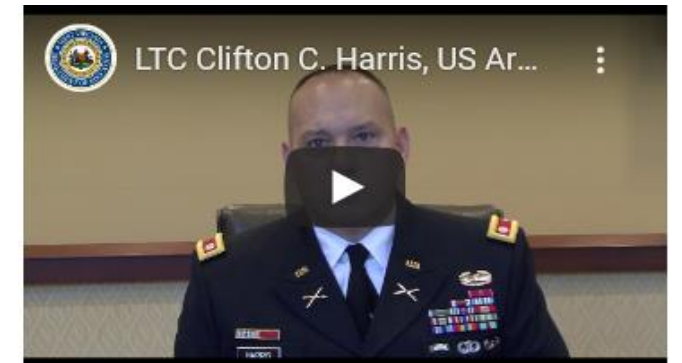
Early Literacy: West Virginia Army National Guard



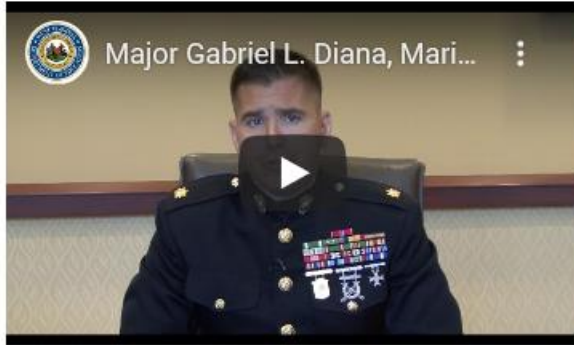
Substance Abuse Prevention: US Naval Reserve



Drop-out Prevention: US Army Reserve



Bullying Prevention: US Marine Reserve



US Flag Demonstration: Civil Air Patrol



To submit a request for having a military service member visit/interact with your school in the classroom or online as a guest speaker, please provide the following consent and complete the request form:

Request form

Upon receiving your request, military organizations identified within the Common Ground Compact will do their best to match the details and content of your request with the skills of soldiers who are capable of meeting the request. Your school administrator will then be contacted to initiate communications about the request. If you plan on making multiple requests, you may wish to submit one request for the purpose of making initial contact and then work out the details of future activities or events with the organization(s) that contact your school.

Type of Request:



In-Person Visit



Online Visit



Presentation

Career Readiness West Virginia Update

Mr. Frank Vitale



CAREER READINESS

West Virginia

Forge Business Solutions, LLC

Frank Vitale – President & CEO



INTRODUCTION

Forge Business Solutions, LLC

- Strategy Development and Consulting Firm
- Education, Healthcare, and Government

Frank Vitale, MBA

President & CEO

Lyndsey Moran

Marketing Communications Coordinator

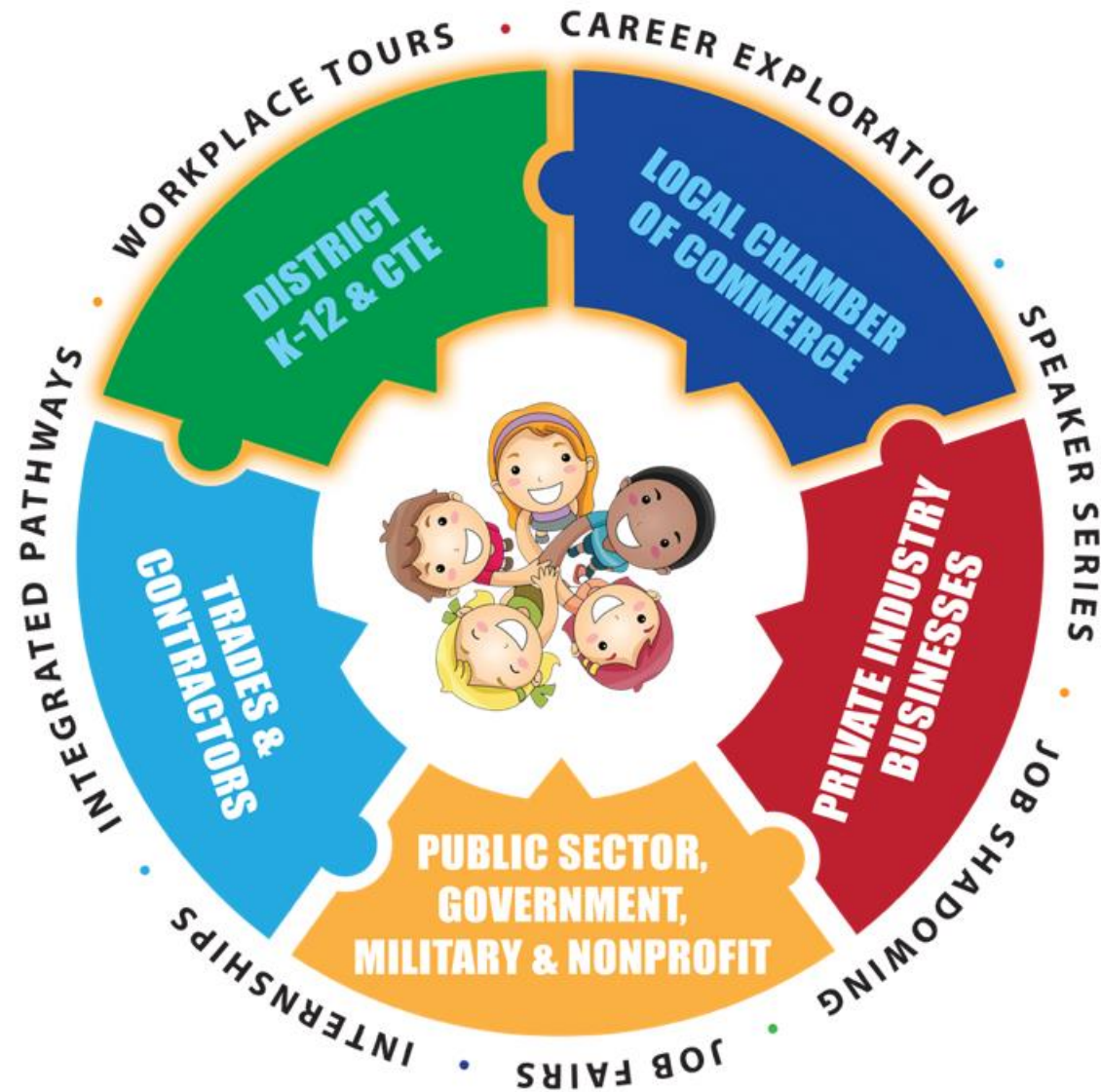


CAREER READINESS

- Approximately **30 million jobs** in the United States that pay an average of **\$55,000** per year, **don't** require a bachelor's degree ([source](#)).
- Individuals with **career and technical certifications** are **more likely** to be **employed** and working in their fields of study than their counterparts with academic credentials ([source](#)).
- **62%** of firms are struggling to fill **skilled trade positions** ([source](#)).
- West Virginia has the **lowest rate of labor force participation** in the nation of **~53.1%** ([source](#)).



CAREER READINESS WV



PARTNERS

- County Districts/ K-12 and CTE
- Local Chambers of Commerce
- Private Industry and Businesses
- Public Sector, Government, Military, and Nonprofits
- Trades & Contractors

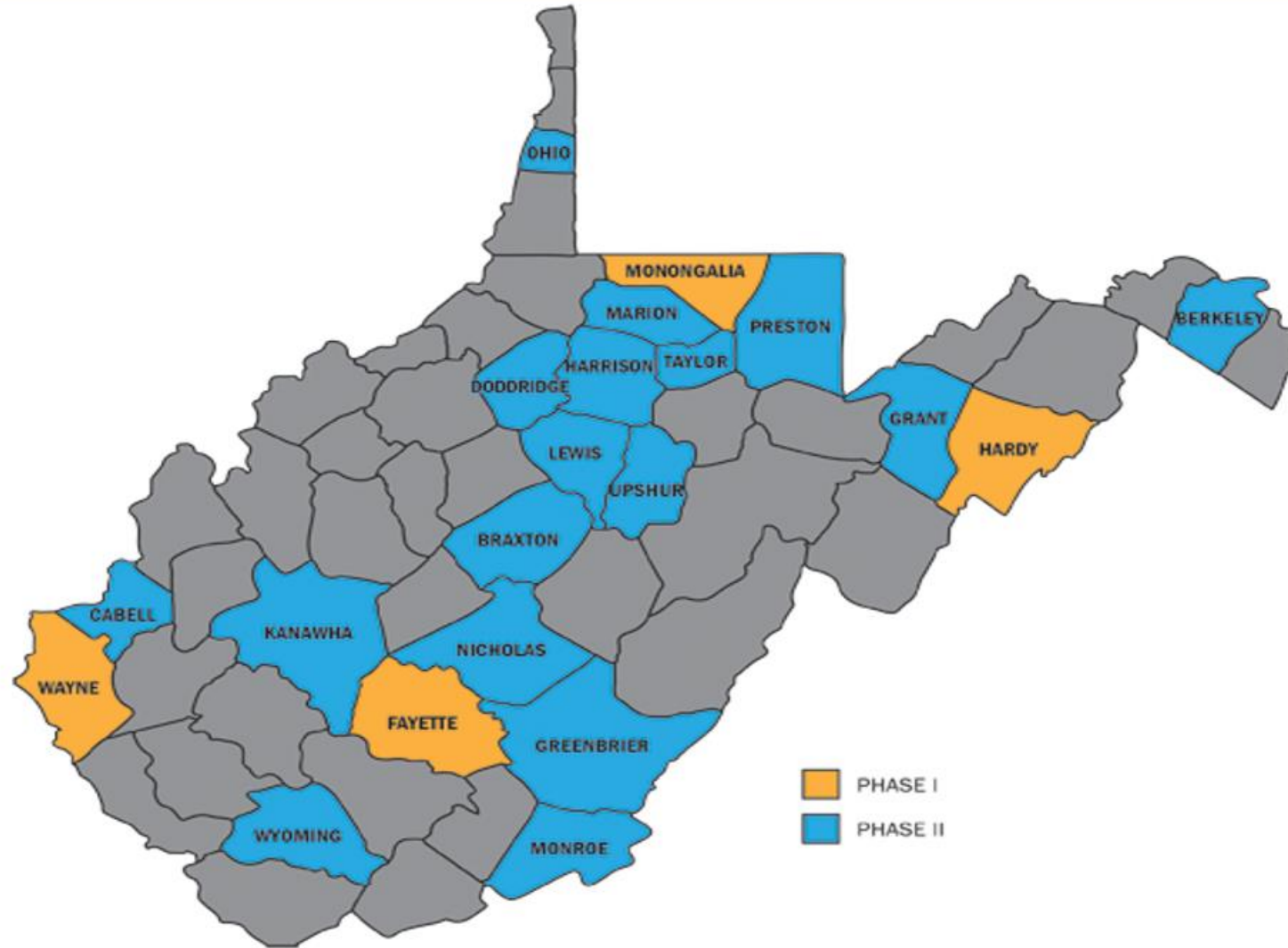


RECOMMENDED OUTCOMES

- Career Exploration
- Workplace Tours
- Speaker Series
- Job Shadowing
- Job Fairs
- Internships
- Integrated Pathways



CAREER READINESS WV



CRWV PROCESSES

Standard Process

Step 1: Leadership Meeting

Step 2: Stakeholder Engagement Meeting

Step 3: Research and Summary Report

Step 4: Strategic Rollout

Modified Process

Step 1: Leadership Meeting

Step 2: Distribute Online Survey

Step 3: Research and Summary Report

Step 4: Strategic Rollout

CRWV REACH 2019-2020

- 21 Counties Involved with CRWV
 - Conducted 32 Meetings
 - Composed 21 Summary Reports
 - Engaged Over 150 Businesses in WV Via SurveyMonkey
- Combined Populations: 972,185
 - ~54% of State Population
- Combined Student Populations: 138,751
 - ~53% of WV Student Population

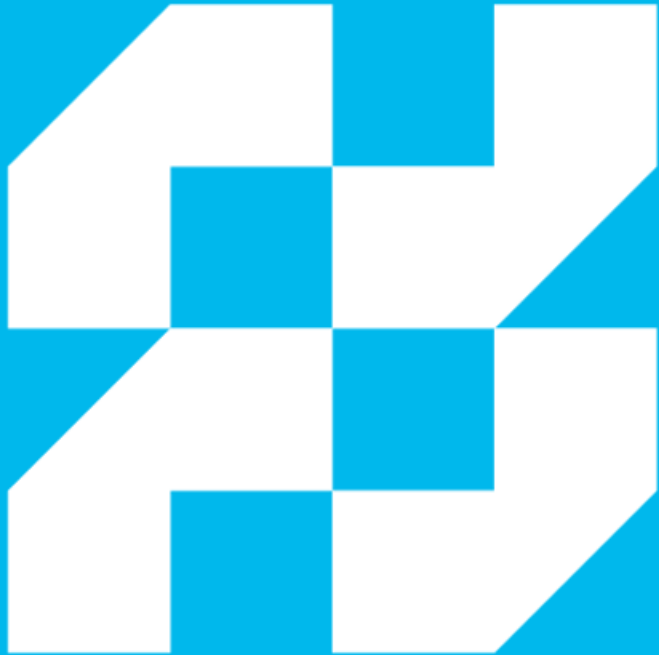
- Bureau of Business and Economic Research; Dr. John Deskins
- U.S. Small Business Administration
- WV News
- Forbes
- Fortune
- U.S. News and World Reports
- National Intelligence Council
- WV Executive
- United States Department of Labor
- Workforce WV
- West Virginia Department of Education
- United States Census Bureau
- myStrategic Compass (WVDE)
- The Education Alliance
- West Virginia Advanced Career Education
- West Virginia Development Office



IN THE NEWS

- Moorefield Examiner: Businesses and Schools Work Together to Help Students
- Williamson Daily News: Wayne County selected to join workforce development project
- The Register-Herald: It takes a village
- WV MetroNews: Frank Vitale on Career Opportunities
- Dominion Post: Initiative aims at helping teens finding career paths
- The State Journal: Chambers, school districts working to bolster career opportunities
- The Intelligencer/Wheeling News-Register: Education, Business Leaders Address 'Career Readiness'
- The Dominion Post: Career Readiness teams up with Preston County Chamber of Commerce and schools to work on a new job training project
- The Dominion Post: Preston County receives results from survey of businesses





QUESTIONS?

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Closing Remarks

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