



eNewsletter Naming Contest Winner... "PA Works"!

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Yes, we have a winner! Congrats to the lucky Labor & Industry staffer who submitted the winning entry of "PA Works" for the Workforce Development newsletter naming contest! With six individuals submitting nine creative entries; it was no easy task to pick a winner, but *PA Works* was the favorite.



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L&I, DCED and Local Partners Attend Next Generation Sector Partnership Academy



The partnership acts as a "shared table" for business leaders to collaborate with a range of public partners and for public partners to work together to align programs to industry needs.

The national Next Generation Sector Partnership Academy is the only training forum that uses the real experience, and on-the-ground knowledge and lessons learned from practitioners in the field to train others on how to build industry-driven Next Generation Sector Partnerships. It is peer-driven and peer-led, drawing on the top-notch conveners of sector partnerships as its faculty.

Where states have adopted strategies that help create strong, local sector partnerships, results are magnified.



VR Think Tank on Paid Work Experiences Meets in Little Rock, Arkansas

The participants reported that they found value in sharing strategies and solutions with one another to better engage and market to the dual customer: businesses and consumers.

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Manufacturing is alive and well in Reading

It's still possible to get an entry-level factory job with just a diploma paying maybe \$17 an hour, said Bonnie Spayd, executive director of the Schmidt Technology and Training Center at the Reading Area Community College. But with a little extra training, Schmidt students can make \$20 to \$30 an hour, plus benefits.

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Events and Opportunities



Notice of Grant Availability

There are numerous grant and financial aid resources available to assist individuals and organizations in meeting their goals.

The department is accepting proposals for Tech Grants through March 1, 2017, and will soon be releasing another round of Strategic Innovation and Apprenticeship grants.

Check our [website](#) for updates.
dli.pa.gov



PWDA 2017 Youth Day

Youth program staff won't want to miss the upcoming one-day PA Workforce Development Association (PWDA) Youth Day opportunity to learn the promising strategies and practices trending on the national scene to serve today's youth.

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Business-Education Partnership Program: Where Are We Now?

The partnerships connect schools, employers and students to provide career-related experiences and exposure opportunities through soft skills development, internships, workplace shadowing, and career mentoring, all with the goal of engaging more students in the need for technical skills required by employers.



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Success Stories - PMF Industries Governor's Job Creation Award Nominee

PMF Industries is an employee-owned fabrication company that started with a small group of employees about 50 years ago.

PMF Industries now employs 105 workers - where 20 percent are veterans.



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GoodWORK: Spotlight

An op-ed by a recent PA CareerLink® Lancaster County customer.

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