



Report to the Community

The Journey 2 Jobs Summit was held March 29, 2007. Below are key facts about the Summit and work undertaken since.

The Summit:

- Hosted over 400 participants from across the five-county region.
- Had participants representing 152 organizations across the spectrum of workforce and economic development, education, government, business and community based organizations.
- Had 30 community-based organizations present.
- Had 74 people from 7 governmental agencies that serve people with special needs.

Since the Summit: Efforts that have moved forward because of the J2J Partnership

- Nearly \$1.7 million has been awarded Central New York for J2J Partnership efforts:
 - The Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with four local employers, the OCM BOCES, the WorkKeys Center at Syracuse University, Literacy Volunteers of Greater Syracuse and other organizations has been awarded a New York State Department of Labor grant to improve the workplace literacy skills of English Language Learners.
 - CNY Works, in collaboration with Oswego and Cayuga-Cortland Workforce Investment Boards, Madison County Department of Employment and Training, SUNY ESF, the MDA, MACNY, University College of Syracuse University, PEB and WorkKeys have been awarded \$500,000 to support the energy and environmental systems cluster, reaching into the schools and communities to build the needed talent pipeline.
 - OCC received a \$700,000 grant from the New York State Foundation for Science, Technology and Innovation (NYSTAR). In a partnership with SUNY ESF, OCC's Sustainability Institute will offer two-year degrees, certificates and online courses to develop a work force trained to work with green technologies.
- Assessment of skills
 - CNY Works, in collaboration with the WorkKeys Center at Syracuse University is integrating WorkKeys assessments, curriculum and certificate of workplace competency into its menu of services for job seekers. CNY Works will be the first One-Stop in New York State to offer these services.
 - Literacy Volunteers of Greater Syracuse is integrating WorkKeys assessments, curriculum and certificate of workplace competency into a community wide workplace literacy initiative to be funded by the Central New York Community Foundation.

- The Chamber, MACNY, the MDA, Partners for Education and Business, the WorkKeys Center at Syracuse University and CNY Works and the J2J Partnership have come together with the Syracuse City School District to create a Partnership for a Work Ready Syracuse. Efforts will prepare Syracuse City students for the workplace through a continuum of career preparation activities led by the partners.
- Other efforts:
 - OCM BOCES and OCC are collaborating on a progressive three year mechanical and electrical worker training program designed to prepare employed workers for work and advancement in these fields as they meet employer benchmarks.
 - OCC is offering Psychology 101 at OCM BOCES Career Training Center to make college level course work available to adult students to facilitate the transition from training to enrollment at the community college for further education.
 - SUNY ESF and OCC are working together on the SPARE program (Solar Power as Renewable Energy) with funding through a Community College Workforce Development Training grant. They will be delivering training to individuals who will be installing photovoltaic equipment.
 - MACNY, SUNY ESF, the WorkKeys Center at Syracuse University, the Center of Excellence in Environmental and Energy Systems and the CNY Biotechnology Research Center are building a Career Ladder Map in Advanced Manufacturing.
 - The Chamber and Community Foundation are leading Literacy Planning Teams made up of a broad spectrum of community members, on the quest to achieve 100% Literacy with 100% community engagement.
 - A communication plan is being designed to meet all partners and stakeholders where they connect to J2J and provide updates on J2J efforts and success.

As this regional partnership of interdependent localities and entities moves forward, the implementation teams are focused on ensuring the alignment of their efforts with the Regional Action Agenda. It is only as a region, inclusive of the education, economic and workforce development and the business communities that we can expect to succeed in transforming our workforce and economic landscape.