



# THREE RIVERS EDUCATION FOR EMPLOYMENT EFE 100

## DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - JANUARY 2026

Professional development and P&CC activities focus on advancing system goals: expanding equitable access to high-quality CTE programs, aligning pathways with local labor market needs, increasing work-based learning, and strengthening industry and community partnerships. Key activities and outcomes support student preparation for in-demand careers and address the workforce needs of Will, Grundy and parts of Cook County.

### P&CC

#### FY 26 Leadership

**Chair Nick Schroder and  
Chair Elect Scott Duensing**

- Regional leadership that guides CTE PD priorities for teachers and industry
- District admins and career center leaders.
- Oversees committees, curriculum, staffing, resources, and program evaluation.
- Collects industry and community feedback on curriculum and pathways for advisory committees

### CTE NETWORK

#### FY 26 Leadership

**Co-Chairs**

**Kara Gierke and Tammi Conn**

- Collaborative Workgroup: Regional CTE teachers and leaders working together.
- Supports P&CC: Shares best practices, drives innovation, and aligns CTE programs with student and workforce needs.
- Partnerships: Works with Will and Grundy/Kendall ROEs to coordinate professional development, collaboration, and regional resources.

## REGIONAL UPDATES

- Program Tours
  - Tour Stats
- TREES MS Meet Up Recap
- Regional WBL Coordinators Recap
- Regional Advisories
- Student to Apprenticeship Update
  - Skilled Trades Experiences
  - Regional Trades Recognition Event
- WIC 2026-2027 Location
  - Local 150
- Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment
  - Section 4 - TREES Regional Report
  - LNA Template
  - CLNA Timeline
- Work-Based Learning Manual
- Running Reports

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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### TREES REGION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- [Counselors in the Trades](#)
  - Pipefitters and Local 150
  - Week of April 6th
- [CCPE Team Based Challenge Workshop](#)
  - March 11<sup>th</sup> (JJC)
- CTE Network
  - January 29<sup>th</sup> CTE and SPED (Lockport)
  - March 5<sup>th</sup> CTE and EL (Minooka)
- [Peer to Peer PD](#)
  - A+I: Amplifying Student Voice
    - February 11<sup>th</sup> (Lemont)
  - JJC Saveur Lunch- Culinary Arts
    - February 12<sup>th</sup>
  - AI Generated Jewelry
    - February 25<sup>th</sup> (Lockport)
  - Social Media Marketing
    - March 4<sup>th</sup> (Minooka)

### STATE AND NATIONAL PD

- *ACTE Best Practices, September 24-26, St. Louis*
- *ACTE Vision, December 9-12, Nashville TN*
- IACTE Conference, February 18-20, Springfield, IL
- ACTE National Policy Seminar, March 17-20, Washington DC
- ACTE WBL, April 29-May1, Providence RI
- ACTE Region III Conference, June 15-17, Menomonie, WI

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RECAP

- [Fall 2026 PD Registrations](#)
  - Perkins - 24
  - Programs of Study- 19
  - POS Rerun
    - November 17<sup>th</sup> - Cancelled
    - November 18<sup>th</sup> - 8
- [TREES Listserv](#)

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