



THREE RIVERS EDUCATION FOR EMPLOYMENT EFE 100

DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - SEPTEMBER 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 27 Leadership
Chair Scott Duensing and
Chair Elect Tammi Conn

- 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 27 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.

TREES REGIONAL FOCUS

Leadership and District Running Reports

- JJC Health Science Program Leadership

Regional Advisories

- **Building the Future: STA**
 - Transition to Advisory
- **Entrepreneurship and Innovation Advisory**
- **Manufacturing with TREP**
- JJC Advisories will be added as scheduled
- Share out TREES Partner Interest Form

All programs with CIPS in these programs should send a representative to attend.

Student Opportunities

- 6th Grade Career Day
- Entrepreneurship Fair
- Plumbers Bridge Program
- Regional MS Career Guides
- Regional Summer Internship Credit
- Spring Women in Construction Event -April
- CTSO Check - December and May

CLNA and Program Review Updates

- Program Review Schedule
- Program changes process
- JJC Dual Credit
- TREES CLNA Executive Summary
- ISBE CLNA Submission

FY27 CTE Consolidated Grant

- FY 27 Amendment Process
- TREES Inventory Process
 - Year 1 - FY 27 Equipment
 - Year 2 - FY 28 Equipment
 - Year 1-3 FY 22-26
- CTEI Ledger Submission
- FY 27 EOY Allocations
 - Perkins Indicators
 - FY28 Planning and FY27 Inventory

Middle School/Elementary Grant Process

- Elementary School Grant Guidelines
- ECD Grant
 - Experiential Classroom Materials
 - STEAM Night
- TREES Regionally
 - STIIX Kits - HVAC and Plumbing

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TREES PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

TREES Groups

CTE Network

- Work-Based Learning - September 10th - Pipefitters
- SPED and CTE - November 12th - VVSD
- AI in Your Classroom - January 14th - Minooka HS District Office
- Embedding Employability Skills - March 18th

Middle School and Elementary Leadership Group

- Valley View, Reed Custer, GAVC, Channahon, Plainfield, Coal City, Braceville

Counselor Network Group

- September 23rd at 10:00am
- February 24th at 1:00pm
- CISCO Apprenticeship Booklets
- November 16th
 - Carpenters in the AM
 - Bricklayers in the PM

Leading in CTE Workshops (Location at JJC Main)

- Neurodiversity: Designing Learning for Every Brain
 - November 10th 8:00am-3:00pm - in person
 - April 6th 9:00am-11:00am - Virtual
 - Entrepreneurship Across the Curriculum
 - March 2nd 9:00am- 3:00pm
- *Targeted audience is P&CC leaders or CTE Educators.
Add 1-2 individuals to the list for participants

Professional Learning Experience

TREES CTE Book Study

Next Level: Classroom Instruction for CTE Teachers

CTE Learn Cohort

Course Catalog: High Quality CTE, Leadership, CTE Teachers

Peer to Peer PD Proposals

STATE AND NATIONAL PD

- ACTE Best Practices - October 5th -8th - Denver, CO
- ACTE Vision - December 2nd - 5th - New Orleans, LA
- IACTE Conference - February 17th - 19th - Springfield, IL
- ACTE National Policy Seminar - March 7th - 10th - Arlington, VA
- ACTE WBL Conference - April 28th - 30th - Oklahoma City, OK

FY27 Professional Development Opportunities

- IMTS - September 14th - 15th
- Chicago BUILD - October 28th - 29th
- MFG Day - October 7th, 2026
- Health Educator Conference - November 6th

WORK-BASED LEARNING & PARTNER ENGAGEMENT

WBL Communications General

- 6th Grade Career Discovery Day
- TREES Employer and Partner Breakfast

TREES Regional CTE Celebration

- April 13th
- Public Landing
- Recognizing Leaders, Teachers, Employers and Students

A regional celebration recognizing the students, educators, leaders, programs, and partners making an impact in CTE across our region.

Stipend Positions

- WBL Summer Coordinator
- Plumbers Bridge Supervisor

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