

Southern Alleghenies Career Education Partnership (SACEP)

Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon, and Somerset Counties

Operated by Goodwill Industries of the Conemaugh Valley (GICV), Inc.

If in-school and out-of-school youth were more aware of the kinds of careers that are available to them in the region—and the education or training required in order to obtain employment in these careers with local employers—then students could pursue the right education, and employers could find the skilled employees they seek. To enhance this youth career and postsecondary awareness, Goodwill Industries of the Conemaugh Valley, Inc. (GICV) operates the Southern Alleghenies Career Education Partnership (SACEP).



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Overview

SACEP is one of Pennsylvania's 22 Regional Career Education Partnerships tasked with promoting high-priority occupations in Pennsylvania and helping schools to address the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Career Education and Work Standards (www.pacareerstandards.com). Another major focus is to increase awareness of career exploration resources including CareerZone Pennsylvania, a free, online career education research tool for youth, at www.pacareerzone.com.

When school guidance and career counselors lack adequate time to fully address the pending career needs of students, and employers lack available staff to individually contact schools to identify workforce-readiness skills, GICV's SACEP staff bridges the gap.

Approach

SACEP works directly with various school personnel in Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon, and Somerset counties to enhance career and postsecondary awareness for youth by bringing business leaders into classrooms, placing educators into workplaces, and providing work-based learning through the vehicles listed below:



- Classroom Speakers
- Workplace Tours
- Job Shadowing
- Work-Readiness Training
- Educator in the Workplace
- Expert in the Schoolplace
- In-Service Presentations
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)-Related Classroom Activities
- Campus Tours and Postsecondary Exploration
- Dropout Prevention and Re-engagement Strategies
- *CareerLinking Academy* (fee-based)



Collaboration

To facilitate these awareness activities, SACEP collaborates with many education, school advisory, economic development, and workforce-related committees in the Southern Alleghenies. These include, but are not limited to, Johnstown Area Regional Industries' Business and Education Consortia; BASICS (Businesses and Schools Investing In Cooperative

Solutions) groups in Bedford, Blair, and Huntingdon counties; Somerset Chamber Education Committee; Southern Alleghenies Workforce Investment Board's Youth Council; and many more.

