Informational Hearing on Workforce Development in Connecticut
Connecticut General Assembly Labor and Public Employees Committee
April 11, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.
Legislative Office Building - Room 1C

Presentation Overview

1. Our System - Industry & Community Role in Building System Capacity
2. Performance
3. Attracting Resources
4. Challenges & Recommendations
Industry Driven

- Each WIB is governed by a **private sector majority** Board of representatives from:
  - Regional businesses
  - State agencies
  - Regional legislators
  - Organized labor
  - Local educational institutions
  - Partners with Area Chief Elected Officials

Community Partners

- WIBs partner with community providers to establish a workforce development system:
  - CT Department of Labor & other State agencies
  - Regional chambers of commerce
  - Community colleges
  - Community-Based Organizations
  - Local educational institutions
WIB Regions

CTWorks Career Centers

- Services offered by 18 One Stop Career Centers:
  - Career counseling & workshops
  - Skills assessment
  - Job training & tuition assistance
  - Support services
  - Job search support
  - Job development and placement assistance
Recommendations

- Increase investments in:
  - Youth Employment Program
  - Incumbent Worker Training Program
  - Jobs First Employment Services Program
- Target financial support for technical training in high-growth industries
- One Stop system continues as resource for long-term & chronically unemployed

Recap

1. CAPACITY BUILDING - WIB role in building system capacity
2. OUTCOMES - Performance - People find the support they need to get jobs
3. LEVERAGE and PARTNERSHIPS - WIBs attract resources ($30M+) and broad partner network to support government funded initiatives
4. CHALLENGING TIMES AHEAD - To address the needs of vulnerable populations and changing demographics