



IntermediaryNetwork

Convene, Connect, Measure, Sustain

ARE YOU IN?

The Intermediary Network is a national association of leading education and workforce development organizations working in local communities to ensure the success of youth. Network members connect schools, communities and employers to improve education and build a future workforce. Members also convene local organizations doing similar work to maximize resources and effort.

“The significant federal support provided through the School-to-Work Opportunities Act is now realizing an important return on investment through the Intermediary Network. By sharing ideas, leveraging funds and creating a common voice, the Intermediary Network is making the local connections and building the critical partnerships that will prepare all of America’s youth for the future and meet the demands of the 21st century labor market.”

Stephanie Powers
CEO, National Association of Workforce Boards
Former Director, National School-to-Work Office, Washington, DC

What is an Intermediary?

Intermediaries connect employers to schools and local communities. Young people need better opportunities, both in and out of school, to gain the knowledge and skills critical for success in college and careers. Employers need a skilled and motivated workforce.

Our schools can't do it alone. Yet workplace and community partners lack the time and expertise to navigate public school systems. Intermediaries solve the problem.

Intermediaries bring the right people together to make a difference. They are driven by quality, consistently measuring and improving local programs and services. They organize public and private support for the policies and funding necessary to connect the classroom with the workplace and the community.

Strategic Intermediary Functions

- **Convene** local leadership to take collective action.
- **Connect** classroom and workplace experiences that lead to college and career, and broker services to schools and workplace partners.
- **Measure** results to improve the quality of local efforts.
- **Sustain** successful practices through supportive public policy.

The Network

The Intermediary Network connects local organizations to share effective strategies, to learn from one another and to grow and professionalize intermediary practice across the country.

The Intermediary Network:

- Promotes the importance of intermediary organizations and activities on the public policy agenda.
- Establishes standards of quality for intermediaries and their staff.
- Provides state-of-the-art professional and leadership development opportunities through a facilitated network of the top practitioners in the country.
- Represents the collective voice of organizations and individuals performing intermediary functions.

“Somehow, we need to reconnect the schools to the workplace so that educators and employers are working together toward mutual goals. The solution to our challenges in education lies in greater, more organized collaboration.

The Charleston Chamber Education Foundation makes that happen for us.”

Danny Rowland

Charleston Marine
Manufacturing Corporation,
Charleston, SC

Are You IN?

The Intermediary Network provides valuable connections for peers across the country, inspiring new ideas, supporting innovation and defining quality practices. Leadership meetings, working committees and annual Institutes move members toward an increasingly ambitious vision of their work, both locally and nationally.

Membership Benefits

- Leadership and staff development opportunities.
- Technical assistance, timely information and proven tools.
- New funding and project opportunities.
- Participation in a self-governed community of leaders in your field.
- Collective policy voice.

Who Should Join?

Current membership includes school-to-work partnerships, workforce boards and youth councils, local education foundations, independent non-profits, chambers of commerce, business-education partnerships and others that conduct intermediary work in their communities.

If your organization pursues this important work you should join today!

“The Intermediary Network and its Institutes have catapulted our partnership into the future. Our participation in the network has helped us define ourselves as an effective intermediary and refine our strategies for linking business and education to benefit our students.”

Susan Burge
MetroVision School-to-Career
Partnership, New Orleans, LA

“The Intermediary Network has connected us to some of the strongest organizations in the country, providing valuable ideas, resources and new energy. The recognition that comes from being part of a group of national leaders in the field gives us credibility and validation on the local level.”

David Rattray
UNITE-LA, Los Angeles, CA

Join Now

To join the Intermediary Network contact New Ways to Work at (707) 824-4000. Network contacts, membership information and an application can be found at www.intermediarynetwork.org.

Acceptance into the network is based on meeting quality standards, a peer review process of the application and a commitment to the following member responsibilities.

- Annual dues/investments.
- Team participation in an annual Intermediary Institute.
- Participation in periodic team leader meetings.
- Common data collection.
- Active participation in network work groups.
- Sharing tools, materials, strategies and peer advice.

Much of the value of the network comes from the interchange of ideas, challenges and solutions among member organizations. All members commit to sharing what they know and do, and to collectively promoting the success of intermediaries across the country.

Founding Members

Achieve! Minneapolis (Minneapolis, MN)

BaySCAN (Fremont, CA)

Boston Private Industry Council (Boston, MA)

Business/Education Expectations (BE2) at the Learning Exchange (Kansas City, MO)

Capital Area Training Foundation (Austin, TX)

Career Builders (Baton Rouge, LA)

Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation (Charleston, SC)

Community Education Coalition, Inc. (Connersville, IN)

Entertainment Industry Development Corporation (Hollywood, CA)

Kentuckiana Works (Louisville, KY)

LEED Sacramento (Sacramento, CA)

Linking Learning to Life (Burlington, VT)

MetroVision School-to-Career Partnership (New Orleans, LA)

Middle Rio Grande Business & Education Collaborative (Albuquerque, NM)

MYTURN, Inc. (Brockton, MA)

New York Citywide School-to-Work Alliance (New York, NY)

Northeast Indiana Workforce Investment Board/Youth Council (Fort Wayne, IN)

Philadelphia Youth Network (Philadelphia, PA)

San Diego Workforce Partnership (San Diego, CA)

Sonoma County School-to-Career Partnership (Santa Rosa, CA)

Southwest Indiana Partnership for Workforce Development (Evansville, IN)

The Workplace Learning Connection (Cedar Rapids, IA)

UNITE-LA (Los Angeles, CA)

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