



# Career Readiness for a Working Washington/YouthWorks

*A partnership between Employment Security Department, the Governor's Office, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board and the Workforce Development Councils*

## What is Career Readiness for a Working Washington?

Career Readiness for a Working Washington started as a pilot program funded by the Employment Security Department (ESD) and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) in Fall 2013. Employment Security contributed \$100,000 and OSPI contributed \$150,000 to support the five pilot projects.

Career Readiness for a Working Washington (CRWW) matched students with mentorships, internships or other work-based learning activities at local businesses in five Washington communities: Renton, Spokane, Vancouver, Wenatchee and Yelm.

In addition, teachers in these communities participated in business externships to learn how the subjects they teach are applied in real-life work settings then incorporated that experience into their curricula.

In each community, the local workforce development council and the school district worked together to implement the program, recruit and organize employer involvement, and coordinate student participation.

ESD and OSPI have committed to a second round of funding at the same level as the pilot. The Governor's office, WTECB, WDCs, and ESD have agreed to use \$1.9 million in federal discretionary funding for a similar approach to increase work experience for youths, called YouthWorks.

## CRWW Results for Pilot Project

Statewide:

- Pilots in Wenatchee, Spokane, Renton, Vancouver, and Yelm
- 2,534 students with a specific career goal
- 887 students with a business mentor
- 233 students with an employer internship
- 14 teachers with an employer externship

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