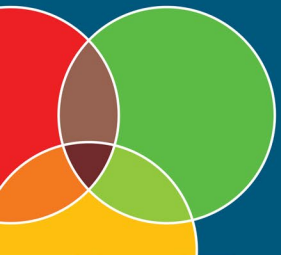


Keeping PaCE with Peoria County

Peoria County Regional Superintendent, Beth Crider





Our Origin Story

Brief timeline:

- 2011
 - Peoria Mayor Ardis convenes working group
 - Attend Boston conference
 - Organize the work
- 2012-2018
 - Lots of stops and starts
 - AFT grant
 - Need for staff!
- 2019-forward
 - Re-aligned to Regional Workforce Alliance
 - COVID
 - Moving forward

Original partners

- Peoria Mayor's office
- Peoria Public Schools
- Regional Office of Education
- Greater Peoria EDC
- Chamber of Commerce
- CEO Council
- Illinois Central College

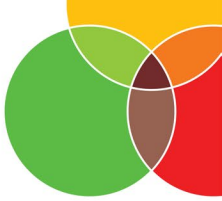


Current configuration: Emerging Workforce Alliance (EWA)

- Co-Chairs Beth Crider (Peoria ROE) and Kamilah Williams (Illinois Central College)
- Key partners: Junior Achievement, Greater Peoria EDC, ISAC
- Structure: Zoom meetings every other month with a summer retreat
- Meeting agendas include: Legislation updates (PaCE framework bill, CCRI's etc), ISBE updates (Marci Johnson, Heather Lueken), Partner updates, cohort sharing, business partner feature (sample-
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- Resource sharing: We have a google drive! Feel free to take a look:
 - https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/18X5QsU_Eg029uvSGhAYOyoiRkXBEZo0a/edit?usp=sharing&oid=102500040045543981410&rtpof=true&sd=true

Moving forward...

- Identified gaps:
 - Regionalized job shadows, internships, apprenticeships
 - Rural schools with staff to do the work, opportunities for students
 - Removing silos (EVERYONE has a soft skills program! 😊)
- Celebrations:
 - ISAC's free coaching model has helped several schools start PaCE implementation
 - Career Spark!
 - <https://gppathways.org/gp-careerspark/>
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Thank You

