



Quarter 1 & 2 Progress Report to the
Milwaukee County Board
**Economic and Community
Development Committee**
Monday, May 13, 2013

on the
**Milwaukee County
Ready to Work –
WRTWP/BIG STEP
Partnership**



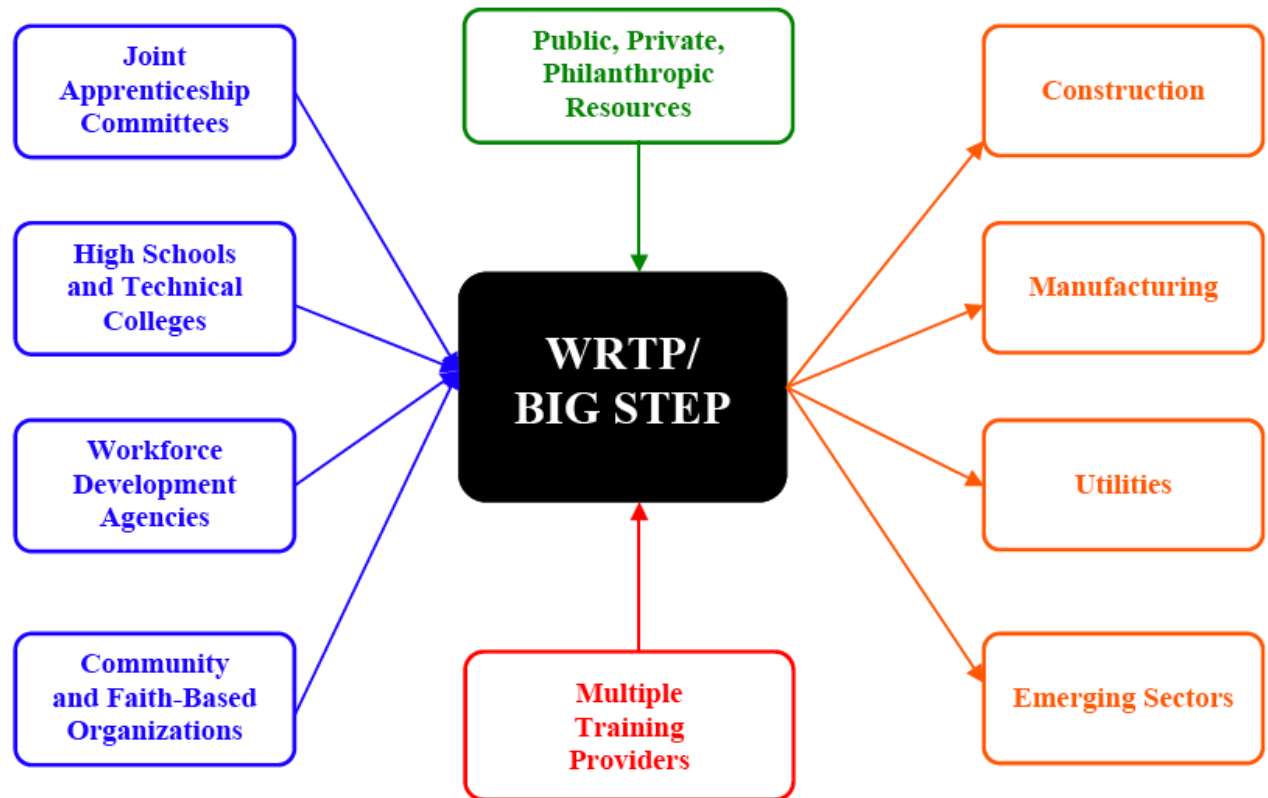
Mission Statement

Our mission is to enhance the ability of public and private organizations to recruit and develop a diverse, qualified workforce in the construction and manufacturing, and emerging sectors of the regional economy.

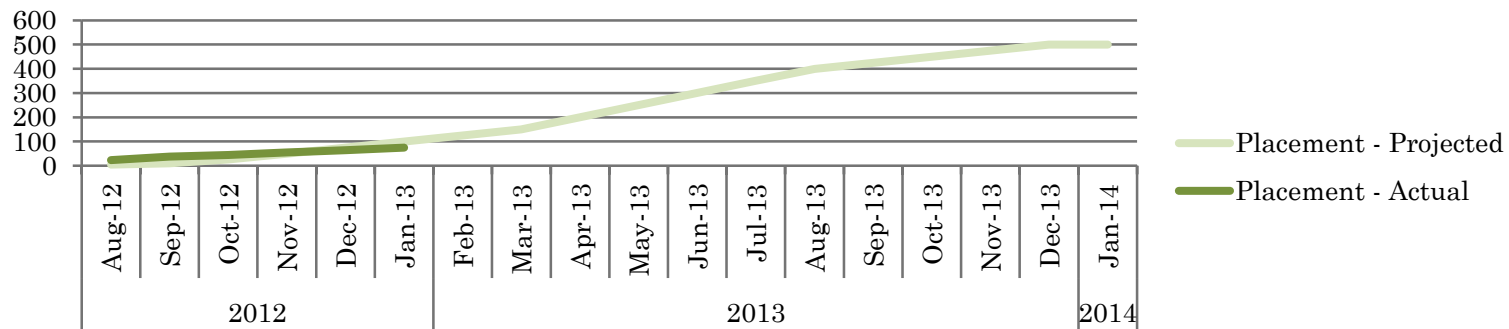
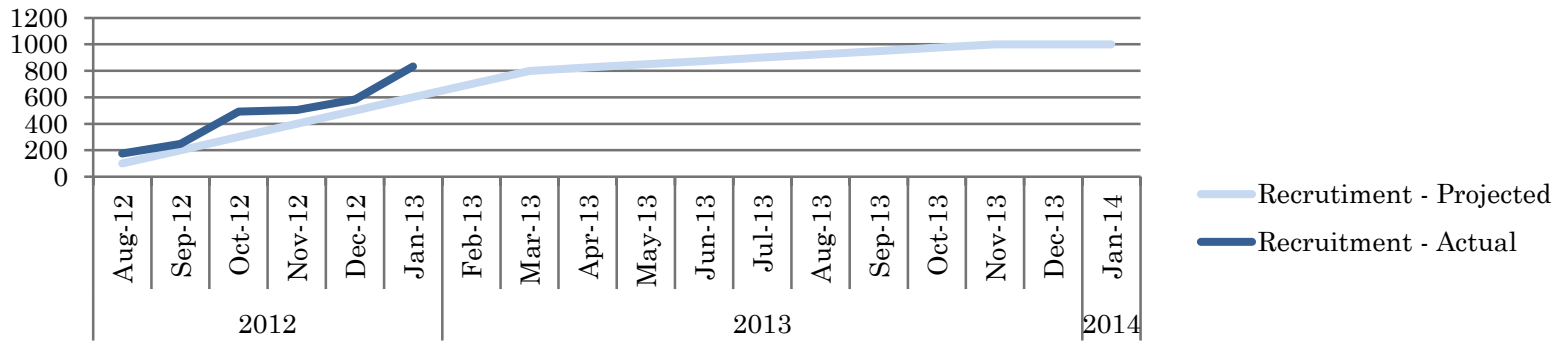
THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY READY TO WORK
PARTNERSHIP IS DESIGNED TO
**SERVE 1000 MILWAUKEE COUNTY RESIDENTS AND
PLACE 500 MILWAUKEE COUNTY RESIDENTS IN
EMPLOYMENT OVER 18 MONTHS
AUGUST 1, 2012 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2014**

HIGH ROAD WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INTERMEDIARY MODEL

WRTP/BIG STEP Clearinghouse Model



HOW ARE WE DOING? OUTCOMES FOR Q1 & Q2



DEMOGRAPHICS: WHO DID WE SERVE?

- Milwaukee County Residents referred by 25 different community resources and organizations
- 87% Minority
- 15% Female
- 36% Reported a Prior Felony Conviction
- 30 Reported Military Veteran Status
- Average Reported Wage on Intake \$9.22/hour
- Reported Unemployment Statistics
 - Eligible but not receiving benefits 16.93%
 - Exhausted benefits 7.50%
 - Not eligible 44.26%
 - Receiving benefits 15.11%
 - No answer 16.20%

Note these figures have not been reviewed by Baker Tilly and are provided as a reference



MILWAUKEE COUNTY READY TO WORK-WRTP/BIG STEP PARTNERSHIP'S IMPACT FOR 75 FAMILIES

Average Participant Reported Wage on Intake	\$9.22
Average Placement Wage of 75 Participants (\$35,158/year)	\$16.90
Increase in Wage on Average for 75 participants	\$7.67
Annual Earning Power Increase per Participant	\$15,959.81
Increased Earning Power and Economic Impact in aggregate on 75 Milwaukee County families	\$ 1,198,545.67
Projected increased earning power and economic impact in aggregate on 500 families	\$ 7,979,905.00

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND FUTURE PLANS

○ **Some notable accomplishments**

- Addition of a Resource Information Session (RIS) twice monthly
- Significantly increased the number of General Information Sessions (GIS)
- Significantly increased training, tutoring and career prep services
- Additional trainings including MSSC-Green Production Module and MC3
- Industry needs assessments for construction, manufacturing and county departments

○ **Future Plans**

- Milwaukee County Park's Employee Trainings
- Expansion of green construction trainings in conjunction with several building trades
- Increasing exposure to Milwaukee County Residents
- Expansions of the Community Workforce Partnership
- Continue to enhance our work with industry to identify more career opportunities



CONCLUSION

- The Milwaukee County Ready to Work Partnership with WRTP/BIG STEP is a success
- The program is just ramping up-construction season is just starting now
- The program is on target to serve 1000 participants in career pathways and place 500 Milwaukee County residents in family supporting jobs
- The economic impact on the 75 families with placements thru January is \$1.2 million in increased earning power
- The Milwaukee County R2W program is on track to boost the economic stability of 500 families by nearly \$8 million over the course of the contract!

