

What people tell us we do best

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Connecting, Convening, Collaborating

Connecting with schools and the right people is something we take great pride in. We have internal and external multi-tiered networks of connections who have grown to look for and anticipate our offerings.

PCD provides opportunities throughout the year for business-education collaboration - from bringing in business, community, and education presenters to school consortium meetings, to student and educator events. We share it all - in person, and through our weekly newsletters.

Being Flexible

Schools and businesses have many moving parts that may not align.

PCD's years of experience have provided us with many turnkey solutions to adjust programming up to the last minute.

Scheduling

Years of planning experience with schools means we know optimal times to schedule programs and events.

But things change. Often.

PCD's regular communication and surveying means we keep up with trends, changes, and other unanticipated schedule challenges.

Being Resourceful

PCD braids and leverages funding resources, partners with all stakeholders, accesses in-kind time and talent to get it done.

Navigation

Navigating the gap between education and the workplace is what we do..

There are limitless factors involved, and PCD's research and experience has helped us understand and problem-solve through the unique challenges of schools, businesses, and communities.

Getting it done

PCD takes the energy, ideas, and focus and puts it all into motion. We don't just talk about what needs to be done, we make it happen.



Our Work

Programs & Events

PCD is proud of the growing number and strength of the student, educator, community, and partner programs it provides.

PCD supports the National Career Clusters framework and additional partner requests to develop an enormous array of Career Awareness & Preparation (CAP) offerings. These include, but are not limited to:

For Students

Career Connections Student Career Expos/CAP/Shadowing, Site tours, Partner events

For School Personnel

Educator in the Workplace; Site Tours, Presentations Leadership Academy; Site Tours/Presentation Day Career-Ready Symposium

For Business/Industry, School Leadership, State/Agency Leadership and more:

PCD Showcase Luncheon (May)
Cradle to Career Alliance

Collaborations & Convenings

School Consortium Meetings

PCD provides collaborative monthly meetings during the school year for participating schools. These allow schools to collaborate with programs, resources, and initiatives inter and intra county; something rare and significant and recognized and supported by the PA Department of Education.

PCD invites presenters, encourages resource sharing, and communicates offerings.

Advisory Councils

PCD participates in multiple school and CTC advisory councils and boards to bring awareness of regional efforts and advocate for the work of the schools.

Networking

PCD develops, promotes, and hosts networking opportunities with partners to:

- foster, develop, and grow business- education partnerships
- develop and maintain PCD and partner programs
- bring awareness of school and workforce needs from all partners.

Connecting

The Cradle to Career Alliance:

Since April 2023, PCD has convened and facilitated the Cradle to Career Alliance with organizational leadership from the CAIU, Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC, and YCAL. Membership is free is open to all "sectors" which include, but are not limited to: business, education, post-secondary training/education, community, and government.

The collective impact model, has identified three key CAP goals for South Central PA:

- The development, access, and sustainability of an online WBL experience and CAP connector.
- The development of an accessible, time & talent-efficient regional Career Expo.
- Sustaining the Alliance.

Currently, the Alliance has amassed over 200 members, many of who participate in monthly meetings, and help forward the Alliance's objectives.

The Alliance also developed a framework for schools and communities to celebrate careers throughout the school year: **Career Recognition Weeks**, which is growing in support and recognition. The poster and posts are currently used throughout Pennsylvania.

Visit The Alliance

