

# ST. JOHN VALLEY CAREER PATHWAYS INITIATIVE



Thank you for your interest in the St. John Valley Career Pathways Initiative. We are pleased that you have visited our web location for more information about our workforce development project. Founded in May, 2010 by partners from the MSAD #27 Continuing Education program, the University of Maine at Fort Kent, and the Aroostook and Washington County Local Workforce Investment Board (LWIB), the St. John Valley Career Pathways Initiative Task Group currently has over 20 members representing local Adult Education programs; institutions of higher education; businesses and employers; and both local and regional community-based employment and workforce development service providers.

Since our first meeting in August, 2011, the task group has surveyed local employers regarding their education and training needs for employees, and has identified the following priority sectors to address in our work: Law Enforcement; Education; Social Services; the Logging, Construction and Transportation trades and industries; Healthcare; and Manufacturing. We currently are in the process of developing specific action-steps tied to workforce needs in these sectors. Our survey of Valley employers also revealed the clear need for locally accessible training seminars on a variety of topics. We have addressed this need through the creation of the St. John Valley Small Business Academy Seminar Series.

The task group meets quarterly. Our work is centered on and coordinated around the aim of addressing the need for a skilled workforce in the St. John Valley. A critical resource informing and guiding our work is the Maine ACCESS Workforce Development Project framework document generated by Maine's State Career Pathways Task Force in December, 2010.

We have created this web location to acquaint you with Career Pathways, in general, and our work, in particular. To learn more about Career Pathways and our Valley initiative, click on the links below:

- Career Pathways [Defined and Described](#)
- Maine Access Workforce Development [Project Framework Document](#)
- Career Pathways [Power Point](#) – Valley
- St. John Valley Career Pathways Initiative [Membership List](#)
- Employer [Interview Form, Results](#) (Priority Sector Identification)
- Meeting [Minute Summaries](#)
- MSAD #27 [News Briefs](#) Featuring Career Pathways

If you would like additional information about the St. John Valley Career Pathways Initiative, please contact any of our members. If you would like to join our task group, please click on the link below, complete the electronic information form, and click on the submit button. Once we receive your information, a member will contact you about our next meeting and to brief you on current projects.

[St. John Valley Career Pathways Initiative Task Group Enrollment Form.](#)