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NEW CHOICES NEW OPTIONS

Career Development Services

New Choices/New Options Class Now Forming

The *New Choices/New Options program*, designed to connect people to the world of work, is preparing to accept its next class.

The five week program, which includes job search skills, career assessments, personal

development, communication skills, management skills, basic computer instruction, and exploration of technical and non-traditional job opportunities, is to begin on March 13 at the Armstrong Education Center.



For more information, call (800) 830-3248.

Armstrong County Forum for Workforce Excellence Kick-off Approaching

The kick-off session for the *Armstrong County Forum for Workforce Excellence* will be held on Friday, March 16 at Lenape Technical School.

Leaders from business and industry, health care, technology, K-12 education, government, post-secondary education and training, and resource and support organizations

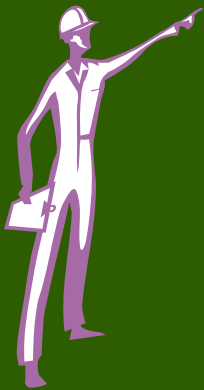
have been invited to attend to initiate the discussion on building a strong workforce for the future of the county and the region.

The intention of the forum is to provide an on-going, action-oriented effort to enhance workforce development. During the kick-off session, small groups in six topic areas identified through surveys

of employers and educators will develop recommendations for next steps to prepare for a strong workforce in our area.

For more information, contact the Trust at (724) 543-2599 or davidaet@alltel.net.





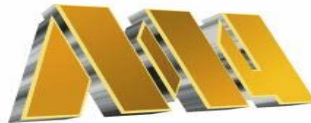
Education Opportunity Centers Workshops

The *Education Opportunity Centers of Southwestern Pennsylvania* is continuing its workshop offerings in 2007 for adults interested in pursuing post-secondary education.

On March 13, a *Financial Aid Workshop* will be take place at

9:30 a.m. and a *Careers Workshop* will be held at 3:00 p.m.

For more information or to register, please contact the EOC office at (800) 378-6230 or the Trust at (724) 543-2599.



MANUFACTURER'S ASSOCIATION of Northwest Pennsylvania

Supervisory Skills Certificate Program

The *Manufacturers' Association of Northwest Pennsylvania* is planning to offer its five course **Supervisory Skills Certificate Program** at the Armstrong Education Center beginning on March 14.

Each course meets for two days and covers the critical skills necessary to be a supervisor.

For more information or to register, call (800) 815-2660.

Webcast Seminar Offered by VNA Hospice of W. PA.

"Living with Grief: Before and After the Death" – a webcast seminar offered by the Hospice Foundation of America through the VNA Hospice of Western Pennsylvania will be held at the Trust and the PA CareerLink Armstrong County on Thursday, March 22 from 1:30 -4:00 PM.

This 14th annual National Living with Grief teleconference is intended for health care professionals, caregivers, and others involved in grief issues.

For more information or to register, contact Jolene Formaini at the VNA at (724) 431-3520.



Free Non Profit Professional Development Training Session

The **Armstrong County Human Resource Council** through a grant from the Armstrong County Community Foundation is offering a free *professional development training session* on *Advocacy in as Little as 20 Minutes per Week & Taking Your Ethical Pulse* on Friday, April 27 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the PA CareerLink

Armstrong County. CEUs are available through NASW (there is a fee) and are planned for nurses as well.

Pre-registration is required. Contact Paula Rummel at the ACCF at (724) 548-4275 or paula@accfound.org by April 13.



New Officers for the Tri-County Technology Consortium

The **Tri-County Technology Consortium** has elected its first officers.



The new officers are:

- **President** – Tiffany Bennett, Allegheny Graphics
- **Vice President** Steve Higgins, Sassafra Forge
- **Secretary/Treasurer** Mike Burkett, Digital Razor

Congratulations to the new officers! The consortium is planning for recruitment events to be held in Armstrong, Butler, and Indiana Counties. For any technology or communication services companies interested in learning more about the consortium, please contact the Trust at (724) 543-2599 or davidaet@alltel.net.

Health Care Consortium Plans Recruitment Event

The Armstrong County Health Care Consortium is planning a recruitment luncheon for Wednesday, April 18. All health care organizations are

encouraged to join the group. For more information on the consortium and the luncheon, contact Grace Thachik at (724) 471-7249 or gthachik@careertrack.org.



Manufacturing Consortium Looks for Preferred Vendors

The Armstrong County Manufacturing Consortium has initiated a preferred vendor program for vendors and suppliers throughout the area.

The consortium would like to make connections with local suppliers for goods and

services needed among member companies.

Preferred vendors will be listed on the consortium website. For more information on this opportunity, contact the Trust at **(724) 543-2599** or davidaet@alltel.net.



New Program at Indiana University of Pennsylvania Northpointe

Indiana University of Pennsylvania Northpointe Regional Campus is offering a bachelors degree in marketing in cooperation with Butler County Community College beginning in the fall of 2007.

The entire degree will available at Northpointe.

For more information, contact IUP Northpointe at **(800) 889-0872**.



Edinboro University Adding Graduate Certificate

Edinboro University is adding a graduate level certificate program in palliative and end-of-life care for health care professionals beginning in fall of 2007.

For more information, contact the School of Graduate Studies at **(888) 845-2890** or gradstudies@edinboro.edu.





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AET Mission Statement

The Armstrong Educational Trust brings post-secondary education and training opportunities to Armstrong County and surrounding areas.

To accomplish this we:

- **Survey education and training needs.**
- **Convene educational providers to identify programs that meet those needs.**
- **Provide instructional facilities and a computer lab.**
- **Provide financial aid and career counseling to adults.**

