

NEW CHOICES CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Years of Operation: 31 (program founded in 1982)

Average Number of Individuals Served per Year: 140

Total Number Served Since Inception: 5,000 +

Number of New Choices Programs across Pennsylvania: 13

FISCAL YEAR	STATE ALLOCATION	# SERVED	GOVERNMENT SAVINGS**
2010 – 2011	\$87,500	115	\$456,072
2011 – 2012	\$47,000	91	\$211,764
2012 – 2013	\$48,000	100	\$150,728

**Includes reduction/termination of Unemployment Compensation, TANF, SNAP, and Medical Assistance by program graduates.

2010 – 2013 STATE INVESTMENT VS. SAVINGS ANALYSIS:

Total State Investment: \$182,500

Total Amount of Government Savings: \$818,564

SAVINGS TO PENNSYLVANIA: \$636,064

- As one of the highest performing programs in the State, the Delaware County program was named an *Exemplary Program* when it was administered by the PA Department of Education.
- Over the 31 years New Choices has been in operation at Delaware County Community College, **State funding has been leveraged to successfully attract foundation support and contracts.**

WHY NEW CHOICES WORKS:

- Program participants are **supported by staff and peers in assessing personal and career skills, identifying solutions to barriers to success and creating an individualized career plan.**
- Group interaction and support are the stepping-stones to **increased confidence, self-awareness and improved personal skill development.**
- Long-term client relationships are created which allow for **strategic planning and on-going coaching.**

PROGRAM SUCCESS:

- At least **80% of program graduates have obtained employment and/or entered training to upgrade skills in every year of program operation.**
- The average wage of program graduates who obtain employment is over **\$14 per hour.**
- Program graduates become **tax-paying employees** who contribute to the success of the Pennsylvania workforce.