

# WRTP/BIG STEP

## Center of Excellence



# Mission

- Enhance the ability of private sector organizations to recruit, retain, and develop qualified community residents for skilled trades and industries
  - Assess job-ready candidates from a wide range of referral partners
  - Prepare qualified candidates for employment and advancement opportunities
  - Place community residents into targeted trades and industries

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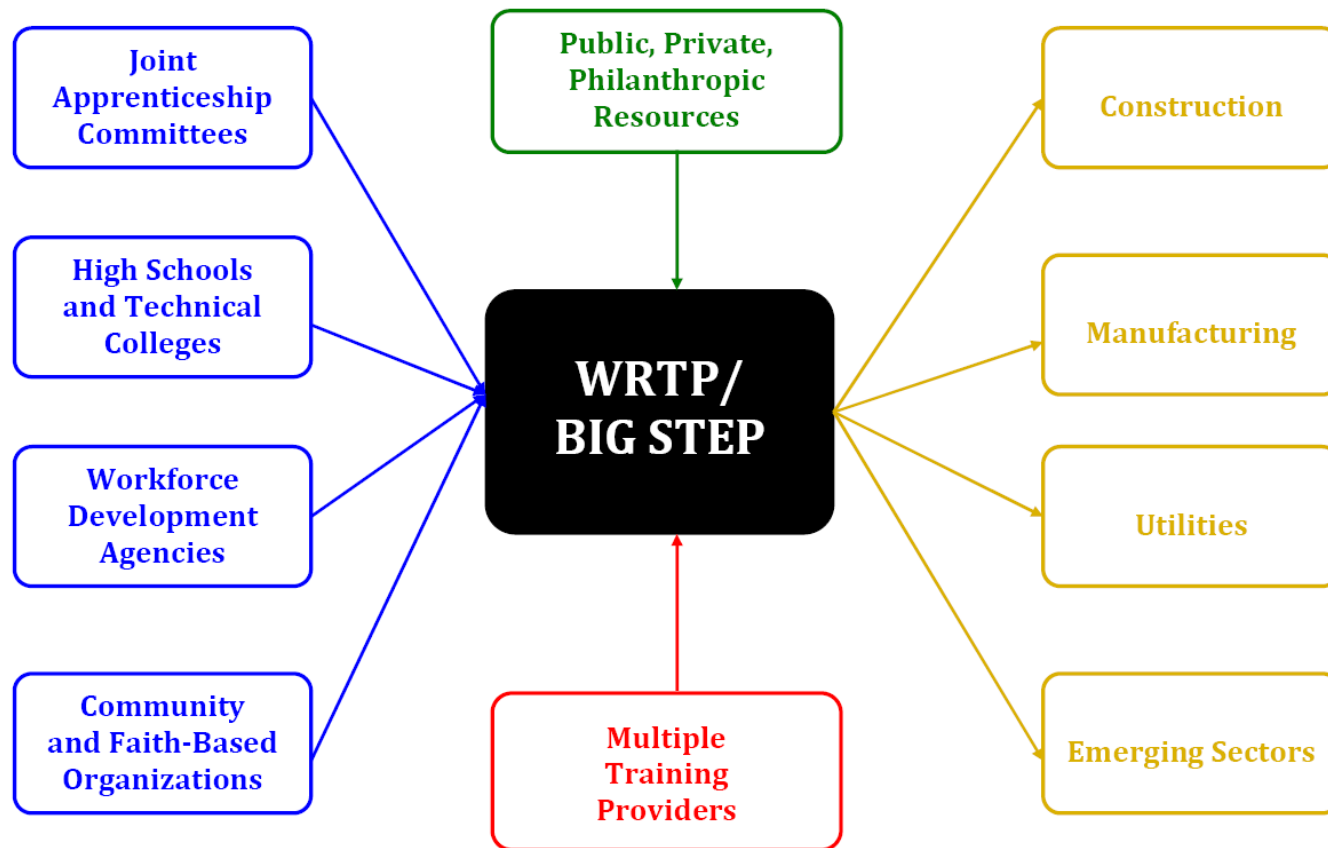
- Milwaukee County Labor Council
- Associated General Contractors of Greater Milwaukee (AGC)
- Payne & Dolan
- National Electrical Contractor Association- Milwaukee Chapter
- United Steelworkers District 2
- Harley-Davidson Motor Company
- AT&T
- Milwaukee Building and Construction Trades Council
- International Association of Machinists District 10
- Region 4 United Auto Workers



# Center of Excellence Approach

- Provide central clearinghouse for the assessment, preparation, and placement of job ready candidates
  - Inclusive approach enables any public sector agency, educational institution, community-based organization, employer or union to refer candidates
  - Clearinghouse creates central resource for employers and unions to achieve workforce development and diversity objectives

# Center of Excellence Model



# Center of Excellence Programs

- BIG STEP Apprenticeship Preparation
- Skilled Trades Training
- Specialized Certifications
- Employer Services
- Triada Employment Services LLC

# Entry-Level Construction Skills

- Under the umbrella of its Entry-Level Construction Skills (ELCS) program, WRTP/BIG STEP is able to help participants at all points on their career pathways to advance
- ELCS modules 1 - 4 can be tailored by trade and classification and also have flexibility in:
  - Delivery
  - Location
  - Levels taught

# Workforce Certifications

- Residential Preference Program (RPP)
- Communities in Need (COIN) Program
- WisDOT TrANS Program
- MMSD Workforce Development Training Program
- WHEDA Projects



# Contact Information

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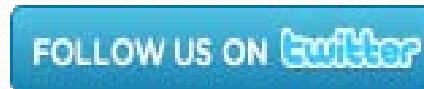
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