Bluff Country Collaborative:

A Multi-Stakeholder Initiative in Southeast Minnesota

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Introductions: Presenters/Around the Room

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Agenda

- 1. Introductions
- 2. What is the Bluff Country Collaborative?
- 3. Strategies
- 4. Metrics
- 5. Challenges
- 6. Next Steps
- 7. Q & A



Bluff Country Collaborative (BCC)

The BCC is a collaborative effort focused on connecting business, education, local government, and organizations who are committed to the economic sustainability of the region.

The vision of the Bluff Country Collaborative is to ensure the economic vitality of rural communities in Houston and Fillmore counties by integrating schools, employers, local government, and community resources in an effort to provide meaningful, hands-on experience to the next generation of workers

Bluff Country Collaborative

Business and Industry

Caledonia Haulers

Kwik Trip

Fastenal

Flex Craft

Gundersen Health

Harmony Enterprises

Local #6

Mathy Construction

Mayo Clinic

McDonald's

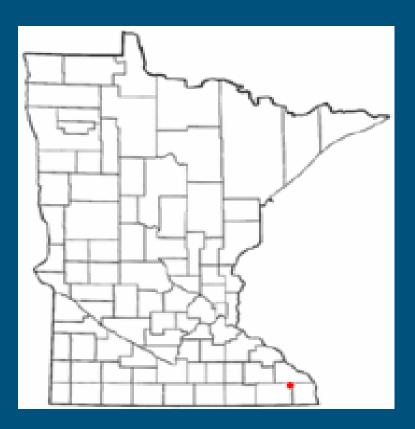
Midwest Machinery

MiEnergy

Miners Underground

Wieser Bros. Construction

etc.



K-12

Caledonia Houston

La Crescent-Hokah

Lewiston-Altura

Mabel-Canton

Rushford-Peterson

Spring Grove

Post-Secondary

MN State College Southeast

Service Cooperative

Southeast Service Cooperative (Rochester, MN)

Workforce Development

Fillmore County EDA
Houston County ED

Workforce Development, Inc.

(Rochester, MN)

Turn and Talk #1

With a partner or small group, review what CTE looks like in your context.
What is already in place? Where could you grow? What are some success?
Some challenges?



BCC Strategies

Senior Day

CTE Career Exploration Day

Industry Tours

Union Reps Panel

Dream Job Event

Grade 8 Career Exploration Day

Career Day

Guest speakers

Mock Interviews

Job Shadows

Career Fair

Youth Skills Training Program/CAN

1:1 Student Support

CTE Instructor Support

BCC Structure

Leadership Team

- School Principals + Workforce Development + SSC + Perkins
- Strategies, Continuous Improvement
- Every other month 2.5 hour meeting plus Navigator contact

Partnership Team

- Workforce Development + SSC + Perkins
- Business/Industry Engagement
- Montly 1 hour meeting and as needed

Fiscal Team

- Workforce Development + SSC + Perkins + (Admin. Reps?)
- Funding for Youth Workforce Navigator position
- Monthly 1 hour meeting and as needed

BCC Metrics

Student Feedback

School Feedback

Business/Industry Feedback

BCC Challenges

Turn-over/On-Boarding

Identifying Lanes

Trust

Funding

Meetings

Capacity

Expansion

Turn and Talk #2

What are some strengths and challenges with your existing partnerships and collaborative efforts?



BCC Next Steps

- 1. Develop Fiscal Team.
- 2. Secure sustainable and consistent funding.
- Southeast Service Cooperative Grants
- Regional/Local Grants
- Perkins
- Youth Skills Training Grant
- Regional/Local Business Donations

[Career Z Challenge Grant]

- 3. Identify lanes.
- 4. Consider expansion efforts.

Q & A

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