



# Career Ready Spotlight:

## Regional Examples

### North West Indiana

- READY NWI is a partnership focused on meeting the unique needs of the northwest Indiana community through workforce and economic development.
  - READY NWI aims to engage students with a wide array of educational and occupational choices that lead directly to success in employment with post-high school degree and credential attainment.
  - Goal: By 2025, 80 percent of the adult workforce will have a post-secondary credential.
  - Learn more at [www.readynwi.com](http://www.readynwi.com).
- Center of Workforce Innovations is a non-profit organization and a Ready NWI partner focused on growing and sustaining the region's global economic competitiveness through research, relationship building and quality resources.
  - Watch career-focused videos on northwest Indiana careers at [www.innovativeworkforce.com/videos](http://www.innovativeworkforce.com/videos).

### North Central Indiana

- enFocus is a South Bend-based non-profit that brings together current college students and recent graduates with organizations in need of fresh energy, innovative solutions and creative collaboration.
  - Interns and fellows are paired with community volunteers, business owners and political leaders who provide mentorship and guidance.
  - Learn more at [www.sbenfocus.com](http://www.sbenfocus.com)
- The St. Joseph County Chamber of Commerce Intern SJC program aims to increase the quality and quantity of experiential learning opportunities in St. Joseph County and the South Bend region.
  - Learn more at [www.sjchamber.org/talent/internsjc-talent-engagement/](http://www.sjchamber.org/talent/internsjc-talent-engagement/).

### North East Indiana

- Greater Fort Wayne, Inc. has launched a fellowship program, called GFW Fellows, connecting highly talented college students or grads with Indiana businesses.
- 2015 is the program's pilot year, with plans for expansion in the future.
- Learn more at [www.GreaterFortWayneInc.com](http://www.GreaterFortWayneInc.com).

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### Central Indiana

- EmployIndy is a non-profit organization that develops and finds the best talent to power the Marion County economy.
  - EmployIndy's Leadership Development Internship Program gives students an opportunity to use their knowledge and skills in an actual work situation and with actual clients in need of workforce services.
  - Learn more at [www.EmployIndy.org](http://www.EmployIndy.org).
- Providence Cristo Rey is a college preparatory school in Indianapolis that provides career experiences for every student with its Corporate Works Study Program.
  - Learn more at [www.pcrhs.org](http://www.pcrhs.org).

### South East Indiana

- ***Economic Opportunities through Education by 2015 (EcO15)*** is regional partnership focused on the residents of ten counties within rural south east Indiana EcO15 aims to provide better economic opportunities through education by the year 2015 and beyond.
- **The effort is focused on the manufacturing, healthcare and tourism sectors.**
- **The initiative is guided by a 10-member regional council that includes representatives from education, community and business organizations.**
- Learn more about EcO15 at [www.eco15.org](http://www.eco15.org).

### South Central Indiana

- Radius Indiana is a regional partnership representing eight counties in south central Indiana that leads regional collaboration by leveraging the diverse assets of Southern Indiana to drive attraction, retention and expansion of business—thereby increasing employment and investment opportunities and quality of life within the region.
- Former Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman is President/CEO.
- Education is one of Radius Indiana's four focus areas. They support regional learning centers and the WestGate Academy. They organize internal and external coalitions on regional education and workforce issues.
- Learn more at [www.RadiusIndiana.com](http://www.RadiusIndiana.com).

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