

## **Addison County Workforce Development Task Force**

The purpose of the ACWDTF is to support the region's economic growth by responding to current and future workforce needs of individuals and employers.

### **Goals:**

- Understand the current and future workforce needs of regional employers;
- Identify, coordinate, and focus workforce resources available in and to the region through collaboration and partnerships among regional agencies and organizations and employers;
- Identify gaps in workforce availability and training/education in the region;
- Develop strategies to fill gaps and meet the needs and the broader economic development goals of the community through regional workforce planning and regional industry-focused sector strategies.

### **Immediate tasks identified:**

- Combined meeting with Addison County employer HR group
- Convene WFD Stakeholder Summit in Summer 2018- [DONE! September 12, 2018](#)
- Get someone from Addison County appointed to the State Workforce Development Board
- Convene coordinated Career Day event in Fall 2018. [SCHEDULED! November 15, 2018](#)

**The Task Force is open to any Addison County WFD service provider, educators at all levels, and any Addison County Employer. To join, contact Fred Kenney ([fkenny@addisoncountyedc.org](mailto:fkenny@addisoncountyedc.org)).**

### **Current members are (alphabetically):**

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Rob Carter, Executive Director, Addison County Chamber of Commerce

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