



Council for Lifelong Learning

Workforce Florida, Inc. (WFI)

Fact Sheet

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<p>1. What is Workforce Florida, Inc.?</p>	<p>Workforce Florida, Inc., (WFI) is the state's chief workforce policy organization. Created by the Workforce Innovation Act of 2000, the public-private partnership supports and promotes economic growth through workforce development.</p>
<p>2. What purpose does Workforce Florida, Inc. serve?</p>	<p>WFI is the principal architect in the state's efforts to develop and retain a highly competitive workforce responsive to the needs of employers. In order to improve performance and accountability, legislation establishing WFI consolidated various workforce programs and funding streams under a single umbrella.</p>
<p>3. What is Workforce Florida, Inc.'s organizational structure?</p>	<p>WFI is governed by a board of directors which includes representatives from business and industry, the state community college system, as well as leaders of state agencies such as the Departments of Children and Families, Education, and Community Affairs.</p>
<p>4. How does Workforce Florida, Inc. carry out its purpose?</p>	<p>WFI is comprised of three standing councils tasked with developing strategies to target the needs of job seekers and employers across the employment spectrum from entry into the workforce to cultivating workers to fill coveted high skill/high demand jobs.</p> <p>The three councils are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Jobs/First Wages (See the First Jobs/First Wages Fact Sheet.)• Better Jobs/Better Wages (See the Better Jobs/Better Wages Fact Sheet.)• High Skills/High Wages (See the High Skills/High Wages Fact Sheet.)
<p>5. How does WFI implement programs throughout the state?</p>	<p>While WFI provides policy, planning, and oversight at the state level, 24 regional workforce boards with significant representation from the business community are largely responsible for implementing programs in their communities. With entrepreneurial vision and in-depth local knowledge, these boards are encouraged to develop innovative programs that address the challenges and utilize the resources in their specific regions.</p> <p>Workforce development services in Florida are available primarily through a system of more than 200 One-Stop Career Centers designed to provide easy access to diverse</p>

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	services including job placement and training, temporary cash assistance and special support services such as subsidized childcare and transportation.
6. What are the applicable statutes and rules?	Chapter 445, F.S. -- Workforce Innovation Several sections of Ch. 239, F.S. -- Vocational, Adult, and Community Education.
7. Where can I get more information?	Workforce Florida, Inc. 325 John Knox Road Building 200 Tallahassee, FL 32303 (850) 921-1119 www.workforceflorida.com The Florida House of Representatives Committee on Workforce and Technical Skills (850) 922-9463