

Pathways to Employment:

Building Skills for Gainful Employment

“We're going to invest in manufacturing initiatives for our high school students... and we're going to make it easier for manufacturers to train and hire Rhode Islanders.” – Governor Gina M. Raimondo, State of the State Address 2017

Governor Raimondo's administration has invested in employer-aligned education and training initiatives at the high school and college levels, and in career training to ensure that Rhode Islanders have the skills and opportunities they need to compete for good-paying jobs. New initiatives will enhance these programs and ensure that more Rhode Islanders can gain employment in manufacturing, and that manufacturers will have the talent they need for their businesses to thrive.

K-12 and College Initiatives:

- Manufacturing Center at Davies Career and Technical School: Make strategic investments in equipment and infrastructure at Davies Career and Technical School to ensure our young people have the skills industry needs and are prepared to compete for good-paying jobs
- P-TECH Manufacturing Alliances: Continue the manufacturing P-TECH program at Westerly and consider instituting an additional P-TECH program related to manufacturing at another RI high school
- Rhode Island's Promise: Guarantee two years of free college for every Rhode Island student who graduates on time from the Community College of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College and the University of Rhode Island, beginning with high school seniors who graduate in Spring 2017

Career Training Initiatives:

- JWL – Job-Ready Workplace Learning Program: Provide a redeemable job training tax credit through a new competitive process
- Real Jobs Rhode Island Partnerships: Create additional custom workforce training for manufacturers ensuring that industry has the talent it needs, and leverage the America's Promise Grant