

Supporting Economic Development Activities Miles Community College

Miles Community College is vigorously involved in economic development activities in Miles City and the surrounding area. Part of Miles Community College's mission statement includes these key phrases: *"serving as a facilitator of economic development through workforce training and continuing education; and strengthening our connections to community, professional, and educational entities."* Consequently, Miles Community College prepares a high-skills, high-tech workforce to support economic development and responds to ongoing training needs of local, regional, and state businesses and agencies. We do it through the following methods:

Center for Technology and Learning:

- ❑ Over the past one and one half years, MCC provided online computer courses to 198 students (in MCC's first endeavor in online education).
- ❑ MCC serves as a regional iQcenter for Microsoft Office User Specialist Certification (MOUS). People wanting the MOUS certification come to MCC to take their certification exams. Many of them work for business and industry and opt for the certification—Core, Expert, and Master.
- ❑ MCC provided Office and Windows training for Stockman's and Western Federal Savings banks
- ❑ MCC's Electronics program networked Clarke Insurance Agency in Miles City and Forsythe, DEAP, Grace Bible Church, and the ROCKS program.
- ❑ MCC's web development students developed and published a web page for the Miles City Chamber of Commerce Office.
- ❑ MCC provided Excel training for Miles City Water Treatment Plant.
- ❑ MCC provided training in Front page I and II, Excel 2000, PowerPoint, Internet Tools, Word 2000, and Quick books for area teachers.
- ❑ MCC provided PowerPoint training for Custer County Attorney's Office and Stockman's Bank.
- ❑ MCC provided Quick Books training for the staff at Deluxe Motors (local Chrysler dealership)
- ❑ MCC provided Windows, Word and Outlook training for the Montana Highway Department.
- ❑ MCC partnered with Trinity Railcar Maintenance to provide welding training.
- ❑ MCC partnered with SAGE truck driving school and the Work Force Training center at MCC to train truck drivers and flaggers

Workforce Training and Continuing Education:

- ❑ MCC provided teaching post-service to teachers through the Miles Community College Educators Conference—139 teachers from eastern Montana for two days. Most of these teachers were from outside Miles City and stayed at motels and ate at local restaurants.
- ❑ Through Kids' College, MCC provided education activities, including swimming, gymnastics, and fencing to 128 youth.
- ❑ Through adult education and personal enrichment, approximately 250 adults enrolled in lifelong learning courses that included computers and exercise.
- ❑ Approximately 100 displaced workers received upgrade training.
- ❑ MCC hosted three Elderhostel sessions, and 36 "more mature" adults came from outside the State of Montana.

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Career Development:

- ❑ Career development is a program that supports economic development in Montana in the amount of \$871,142, funding coming mostly from grants.
- ❑ Of the \$871,142, Career Development Workforce Center has 2001-2002 grant training dollars of \$579,901.00 that includes staff, program operation, and tuitions.
- ❑ Of the \$871,142, services amount to \$291,241.00. These funds are spent directly in communities in 8 counties to purchase goods and services to help and individual obtain/maintain employment including, but not limited to food, rent, tires, car parts, clothing, gas, propane, and car insurance.
- ❑ For FY 2001-2002, the Career Development Workforce Center has served:

MCC Students, Fall 2001 only	26 full time	6000 hours
C.N.A. Students	10	800 hours
MTC CDL Program	21	4200 hours
MTC Flagger Training	100	400 hours
MTC Welding Training	17	2720 hours
MTC Project. Engineering Aide	7	280 hours

Adult Basic Education:

- ❑ FY 2001, ABE served 220 students who completed a minimum of 12 hours of instruction each.
- ❑ 50 students completed and passed the GED
- ❑ 70 students entered postsecondary education upon completion of our program

Athletics:

- ❑ MCC CENTRA hosts three intercollegiate tourneys; two are eight team and one is a four team. Approximately, 1000 people attend this event.
- ❑ MCC hosts the Class C Boys and Girls High School Tournament. These are two-day tourneys with eight to ten out-of-town teams. Over 1000 people flock to Miles City for these tournaments. This means that Miles City grows by 10% for two days.
- ❑ MCC hosts the annual Cow Town Classic, a series of youth basketball tournaments.. Approximately 80 teams composed of 5th through 8th grades students come to town with their parents and other family members. We estimate 2000 people, including basketball players, converged on Miles City for the weekend, meaning all of the hotels in town are full. Thus, Miles City grows by 20% for the weekend. These people shop in the stores, eat in the restaurants, and stay at our local hotels.
- ❑ MCC hosts summer basketball camps. Approximately 120 high school students come to campus during the summer.

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Western Federal Savings	Office and Windows training	Banking
Stockman's Bank	Office and Windows training	Banking
Deluxe Motors	Quick Books	Chrysler dealership
Trinity Railcar Maintenance	welding training	Railroad
SAGE Trucking	Truck driver training	Trucking
Area auto mechanics	Electrical/starting/charging	Auto
Area contractors	Roofing seminar	Contracting/Building
Driving school and	train truck drivers and flaggers	Workforce Training
Workforce Training center		
Essinger Equipment	OJT for students	Agriculture
Miles City Water Treatment Plant	Excel training	City Government
City of Miles City	Computer training	City Government
Custer County Attorneys Office	PowerPoint	County Government
Montana Highway Department	Computer training	State Government
Montana Highway Department	Windows, Word and Outlook	State Government
Custer County Extension Office	Food and Nutrition	County Government
Rosebud County Health Department	CNA Training	County Government
McCone County Senior Center	OJT for students	County Government
Custer County Welfare Department	Computer training	County Government
McCone County Senior Center	OJT for students	County Government
Montana Vocational Rehabilitation	Education services	Rehabilitation
School Districts	Front page I and II, Excel 2000, PowerPoint, Internet Tools, Word 2000, Quick Books	Education
Habitat for Humanity	Home building	Not-for-profit

Miles Community College also partnered with other groups to provide services at no costs. We either provided classroom space to conduct workshops, computer training, networking for their networks, web page design, and web page publishing. The government entities provide office space and utilities to MCC and worksites for student-learners.

Clarke Insurance Agency	Insurance
Grace Bible Church	Religious
DEAP	Disabilities
ROCKS program	Youth Organization
Small Business Administration (SBA)	Business
Pine Hills School	Corrections
Miles City	City Government
Forsythe	City Government
Miles City Chamber of Commerce Office	Commerce
Big Sky Airlines	Airlines
Hoiness LeBar Insurance	Insurance
Copps True Value	Hardware
St. Labre Indian School	Education
Custer County, Forsyth, Terry, Jordan, Lame Deer, Broadus, Ashland and Circle.	City/County Government
Rosebud County Weed District	Government
Montana Department of Transportation	Government
Montana Contractors Association	Contractor