



The Regina Work Preparation Centre

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The Regina Work Preparation Centre is building the Saskatchewan workforce, one person at a time. Every day, we meet clients where they are at and help them meet their employment goals. And every day, we meet the changing needs of the labour market, clients and the community. We are developing employees, consumers and taxpayers.

The people we work with have multi barriers to employment such as:

- Lack of attachment to the labour force;
- Lack of vocational direction;
- Poor self-image / Poor self-management;
- Criminal involvement;
- Lack of social supports;
- Lack of education.

Regardless of their circumstances, we believe all people deserve the opportunity to reach their employment potential and to participate fully in the workforce. In 2013-14, 239 Work Prep clients found work and another 126 enrolled in education or training.

We are continuously investigating creative and innovative ways to motivate people on their journey to employment. We believe there is no one way to motivate people. For example, we use food as a tool for engagement. Food is an integral part of relationship building. We also have a Visual Arts program which focuses on the arts as a catalyst to build confidence and a will to succeed.

Last year the Regina Work Preparation Centre received a generous grant from the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation's Smart and Caring Fund to help us support our innovative programs. The grant from SSCF has allowed us to buy art supplies and food for engagement, which in turn has increased participation, involvement and success. We are very grateful for the support from the SSCF. Their contribution to the success of our clients has been priceless.