

Building a stronger central Minnesota workforce

Regional Career Programs

Bridges Career Academies & Workplace Connections provides career academies, a business speakers bureau, tours, and the Career Depot for high school students. Bridges also coordinates the Career Exploration Expo every spring at CLC in Brainerd. Learn more at bridgesconnection.org

Teacher Externships offer teachers a stipend to spend a week-long summer experience in a business to develop a plan and build connections to the classroom. Applications are due the beginning of April and can be found at sourcewell-mn.gov.

Tech Mobile provides hands-on, technology-centered learning opportunities for K-12 schools in Sourcewell's five-county service area. Equipment and trained consultants help enhance career exploration and project-based education. Learn more at sourcewell-mn.gov/tech-mobile.

The Sourcewell Workforce Webinar is held each fall and brings together business leaders and high school staff to help create mutually beneficial partnerships in preparing students for the workforce. The event is free and open to high school educators, administrators, and businesses within our five-county area. Get involved at sourcewell.co/connect.

Counselor Network provides professional development opportunities for area counselors and career specialists serving students in grades K-12. Registration is required for new attendees and can be done by visiting sourcewell.co/Counseling.

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a college-readiness system dedicated to preparing all students for college, career, and other postsecondary choices. The program serves students who are often underrepresented in college while also providing research-based strategies schoolwide. Learn more at sourcewell.co/AVID.

Metier is a middle school self-discovery and lifestyle-design program. Built around flow, Metier guides students to find the truest, happiest, and greatest versions of themselves and the career field that makes them come alive. Discover Metier at sourcewell.co/Metier.

Project Lead the Way Launch is a K-5 program that provides problem-based learning in engineering, health, and informational technology. Sourcewell helps schools access online curriculum, equipment, and training. Learn more at pltw.org/our-programs/pltw-launch.

Sourcewell's Teacher Recruitment specialist partners with local schools to address the teacher shortage in the five-county area through short- and long-term programs to attract and retain educators. Learn more at sourcewell.co/recruit.

Rural Minnesota CEP (Concentrated Employment Program) offers career counseling to help individuals determine a career path. It also provides a variety of employment services to job seekers — including high school students entering the job market. Learn more about available programs at rmcep.com.

