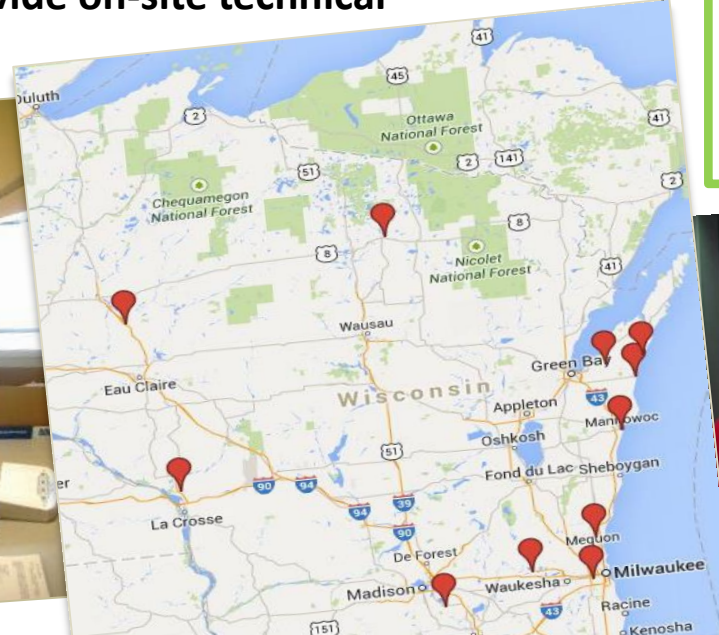


What is Let's Get to Work?

One of 8 Partnerships in Employment (PIE) states. Comprised of 4 main areas:

- 1) **Consortium** of 40 organizations to identify policy issues; included a youth track
- 2) **Policy team** to implement policy changes
- 3) **9 school pilot sites** implementing evidence based practices with 72 students
- 4) **Coaches** to provide on-site technical assistance



School & Employment Outcomes

Earlier connection to VR * Early paid work experiences while still in high school * **Better transition training for teachers** * Community Conversations to raise community awareness * **Access to general education classes and extra-curricular activities** * Connecting families to career options and work incentives benefits counseling * **Businesses more engaged** * Students more independent & confident * **Many more youth wanting to work** * School staff working as a team

Project Highlights

- ⊙ **DVR Youth On the Job Training Initiative** available to all youth in the state
- ⊙ **Pay for Performance bill** passed to incentivize schools for good transition outcomes
- ⊙ OSEP Guidance on **LRE for work placements**
- ⊙ Development of a **sub-minimum wage data collection tool** to obtain accurate information
- ⊙ **LGTW activities integrated into statewide Transition Improvement Grant** (parent training, Community Conversations, coaching)



Results!

- ⊙ **Tripled the number** of pilot youth in paid employment in less than a year!
- ⊙ **Increased integrated activities** from 43% to 70%.
- ⊙ **73%** of students had at least one **paid job in the community** (baseline was 11.5%).
- ⊙ **Significantly increased the quality of life** of students with disabilities as a direct result of increased work and community participation.

Lasting Impacts!

- ⊙ Training that **doubled family's expectations** of their youth in paid, community employment is now part of two statewide projects.
- ⊙ Let's Get to Work **Quick Guide**, a free online tool of best practices in bite size pieces is being used by WI schools, the statewide school transition team and 4 other states.
- ⊙ Project **findings and policy recommendations** included in the WIOA Advisory Committee federal report.
- ⊙ Community Conversations and coaching are two **successful strategies** being used statewide by schools and two state agencies.