WEDnetPA Facts

The WEDnetPA partnership includes State System universities, community colleges, Pennsylvania College of Technology and others. Over 1.3 million Pennsylvania employees at more than 22,000 Pennsylvania businesses have received training through the WEDnetPA program.

WEDnetPA training is efficient, effective and far-reaching:
- WEDnetPA’s investment encourages and leverages training beyond what companies would otherwise do.
- Every $1 invested in training through the program results in an additional $1.50 cash investment from participating companies.
- More than 9,000 private-sector providers have conducted training.

Companies report great benefits from training:
- 99% of employees who receive training report positive outcomes including:
  - Improved communication and teamwork
  - Increased morale
  - Safer workplace with less accidents
  - Job promotions and pay raises
- 95% of companies experience a positive or major impact on business.
- 90% say training helps address the issue of finding skilled employees.
- 70% see an increase in business after training, 20% see more than a 10% increase.

According to research by the PA’s Center for Workforce Information and Analysis:
- Employees who receive WEDnetPA training realize a wage increase of up to 10% within the first year after training.
- The retention rate for employees who receive WEDnetPA training is over 85%.

WEDnetPA training is employer driven. Employers can choose to receive training from:
- One of the WEDnetPA partners.
- A private-sector training provider.
- The company’s own in-house staff.

WEDnetPA is focused on small business:
- 55% of companies assisted have less than 100 employees.
- 80% of companies assisted have less than 250 employees.

90% of WEDnetPA training is delivered to businesses in PA’s targeted industry clusters:
Advanced Materials and Diversified Manufacturing; Agriculture and Food Production; Bio-medical; Building and Construction; Business and Financial Services; Energy; Health Care; Information and Communications Services; Logistics and Transportation; and Lumber, Wood and Paper.