Established June 1, 1998, as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, to act as an intermediary for educators and employers, eliminating the need for multiple calls being made by schools to businesses with similar requests and to create quality career education programs. Find out more about intermediaries from the Intermediary Network at http://www.intermediarynetwork.org/

The Workplace Learning connection is a partnership between Kirkwood Community College, Grant Wood Area Education Agency, Area Chambers of Commerce, local school districts, Iowa Workforce Development, and local businesses and industry. Members of these communities make up our Advisory Council.

Guiding Principals:

- Be a “Single Point of Contact” for schools and employers
- Implement services for all students, staff and districts
- Use common language
- Develop work-based capacity with employers
- Support efforts to “grow our own workforce”
- Integrate needed workplace skills into the curriculum
- Provide communication and coordination
- Start with core services, Student Job Shadowing, Student Internships, Teacher Tours, Student Tours and Teacher @ Work – expand as needs develop
- Goals for Work-Based Learning Experiences:
  - Students become more engaged as learners
  - Teachers are more excited as facilitators
  - All customers are more satisfied as consumers

Service Area:

33 school districts in the region of East Central Iowa (Area 10)