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Madison College Receives Grant to Boost Training Opportunities for Displaced Workers

The recession has taken a toll on our community. The workforce is changing and there’s a critical need to retrain workers for 21st century jobs.

Thanks to a $75,000 grant from the Madison Community Foundation, Madison Area Technical College is now able to help more of those displaced workers through its Center for Adult Learning.

“We created the Center for Adult Learning (CAL) to specifically serve unemployed workers, because the needs in our community outweigh the skills of our workforce,” says Madison College’s Director of Adult Learning Nancy Woodward. “By improving the skills of our workforce, we reach our ultimate goals of strengthening the local economy and sustaining the quality of life in our community.”

The grant will help Madison College expand its CAL academies, which train dislocated workers for new careers on a convenient, short-term schedule. During the next two years, the grant will allow the college to train an additional 350 displaced workers—a jump of nearly 35 percent.

The Center for Adult Learning was established in collaboration with the Department of Workforce Development to serve dislocated workers, underemployed individuals, and any adults seeking opportunities to return to college for additional training.

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Madison Area Technical College serves approximately 40,000 individuals annually, providing “real world smart” education through a comprehensive curriculum of technical, liberal arts and sciences, adult basic education and continuing education, as well as customized training for employers.