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Programming Areas

Recent examples of educational programs aimed at preparing communities for economic growth and building community capacity:

- **First Impressions** (<http://www.uwex.edu/li/andy/descrip.html>) - A structured program that reveals the first impression a community conveys to visitors (tourists, potential investors, and new residents).
- **Community Economic Preparedness Index** (<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cced/cedpi.htm>) – An index that helps analyze a community's strengths and weaknesses before making investments in developing a plan to improve economic development opportunities.
- **Nonprofit Management Educational Materials** (<http://www.uwex.edu/li/learner/>) - The Learner Resource Center provides you with a number of resources on the web that could provide you with assistance in a variety of nonprofit management and leadership issues. In the "nonprofit web sites" section, you will find a number of useful annotated resources organized by topic...everything from "How to start a nonprofit organization" to "Volunteer management."
- **Steps to Creating an Economic Development Corporation** (http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cced/economic_dev_corp_steps.htm) - Resources aimed at assisting communities and regions with the task of creating an organization that focuses on the creation of jobs and income.

- **Community Indicators**
(<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cced/indicate.html>) - Online datasets that provide practical thought provoking information that stimulate discussion at the community level. The templates are designed to provide easy access to a variety of data about Wisconsin communities.

Audience and Partners

- I develop educational programs and tools that assist communities in developing strategies for improving jobs, income and quality of life. My primary audiences include county based extension educators as well as community and economic development practitioners in Wisconsin.

Team Membership

- Economic Development - Community and Economic Development Preparedness
- Organizational Development

Educational Resources

Publications

- First Impressions Revisited: A Program for Community Assessment and Improvement (User Manual, 2002).
<http://www.uwex.edu/li/andy/usersguide.htm>
- Community Indicators: Mobility: A Culture on the Move (January, 2003); Understanding Worker Flow Data (April, 2003); Philanthropy: Does Charity Begin at Home (July, 2003); Get an Education and Double Your Salary (December, 2003); Increased Fuel Expenditures Flowing Out-of-State (May, 2004); Self Sufficiency: Defining Poverty (September, 2004); Keeping Them Down on the Farm (May, 2005).
<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cced/indicate.html>

Workshops, Wislines and Other Programs

- Community & Economic Development Preparedness In-Service, Bill Pinkovitz & Andy Lewis, Aug. 11-12, 2004, Cable, WI; Oct. 26-28, 2005, Elkhart Lake; Jan. 24-26, 2006, Madison, WI.
- Building Communities Wisline Web Educational Series, a 7-8 part series offered for three years. Presenters have included Andy Lewis, Bill Pinkovitz, Matt Kures, Bill Ryan, Don Nichols, Roger Nacker, Bob Herbst, Tom Asp, Jim Wood, Sharon Seffrood, James Schneider, and Others.
http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cced/Building_Community.htm
- Assessing Your Community's Technology Infrastructure, Andy Lewis, Bill Pinkovitz, Bob Herbst & Tom Asp (Virchow Krause Inc.), Oct. 22, 2004 (via Wisline Web); Chippewa Falls, Apr. 21, 2005; Oconomowoc, Sept. 21, 2005; Neenah, Sept. 28, 2005.

- Community Demographics, Foundations of Practice, Community Development Core Competency Training for Extension Professionals in the North Central Region, NCRCD, Delivered via Wisline Web, Oct. 11, 2005 (To be repeated four times in 2006).

Online Tools

- Community Economic Development Preparedness Index,
<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cced/cedpi.htm>
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