



TORONTO TRAINING BOARD/COMMISSION DE FORMATION DE TORONTO

LOCAL INDUSTRY COMMITTEE FOR THE AUTOBODY AND COLLISION REPAIR INDUSTRY

In 2003, the Toronto Training Board in partnership with 427 Auto Collision; Collision Industry Action Group; Nor-Jon Management Association; Alternative Youth Centre for Employment (AYCE); Centennial College; MTCU – Apprenticeship; MTCU - Employment Preparation; and MTCU – Job Connect established a Local Industry Committee.

Role of the LIC: Acts as a sponsoring body for individuals considering apprenticeship training in the Auto body industry. The LIC receives and signs apprenticeship documents as a de facto employer of the apprentice which allows him/her to start classroom training. The LIC also assists in placement after the apprentice completes classroom work. Individuals working in the trade but who had never become registered apprentices could also use the LIC to become registered at any point in the year. The LIC is also concerned with general industry issues.

Role of TTB: Helped establish the LIC by providing funding and administrative support for preliminary planning meetings. Continues to monitor and support activities.

Role of AYCE: Lead community agency which provides administrative support to the LIC and channels

potential apprentices referred by Job Connect and other community agencies

to the LIC as well as refers its own clients.

Role of Job Connect: Agencies refer potential apprentices to AYCE who bring the names forward to the LIC for consideration. Job Connect agencies can also provide a subsidy for tools and assist with funding for apprenticeship placements.

Role of Centennial College: The LIC refers the signed apprentices to Centennial College for completion of classroom training.

Role of Industry representatives: To help recruit employers to provide apprenticeship placements for students after completion of training.

Role of MTCU: Provides advice and support.

Benefits: On the demand side of the labour market, the LIC addresses a shortage of skilled entry-level tradespeople in the autobody industry and on the supply side, it assists “at risk” youth who may or may not have Grade 12 to become employable.

How to get involved: Contact the Toronto Training Board through our website www.ttb.on.ca or the Executive Director, Greg Yarrow at yarrow@ttb.on.ca