Isles’ mission... 

Self-reliant families
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Healthy, sustainable communities
Isles 4 Core Business Lines

Not a typical workforce development organization

- Revitalize communities
- Train and educate
- Build wealth
- Stimulate green, healthy living
Why Workforce Development?

After seeking best ways to foster self-reliant families in healthy, sustainable communities...

We couldn’t NOT get involved!
We are not alone.

Other community-based organizations (CBOs) are moving into workforce development.

Why?

- Underperforming schools
- CBOs recognize and make the links between jobs and barriers to success
- Government-led efforts struggle to creatively respond
CBOs Opportunity

- Know the communities and individuals
- Question the limits of jobs (vs. careers and/or self-sufficiency)
- Understand the range of services needed
  - Vocational
  - Life Skills
  - Academic
  - Beyond the job – Distressed workers
- ROI
The Grassroots Perspective

• Looks to break through typical political boundaries and funding silos
• Connects neighborhoods to the broader region
• Freedom to re-think the system
• Humility – What we can’t do?