Recommendations and requests from the Industry and Education Consortium to CareerSource Chipola

The general recommendations from the consortium to the board all center around the need to become more involved in helping determine the training needs of the area, helping youth and parents understand the careers in the area, and helping local industry better expose available careers to residents of the area.

Specific recommendations are as follows:

* Do more to promote/host activities that connect industry and education partnerships.
  + Create a resource list of individuals from the private sector with skills that could be utilized in a classroom environment to further career and technical education.
  + Host joint meetings of industry and education to promote a better understanding of the needs, obstacles, and common goals.
    - Needs to go beyond the “top-level” staff.
    - Develop partnerships at the school level.
* Survey local industry on the need for short-term training and become more involved in short-term training activities.
  + Training could be by an individual employer or a group of employers.
  + Training could be provided by a school (local or other).
* Lead the way in promoting parental involvement in activities that expose parents of K-12 youth to careers available locally.
* Help promote a “universal skills language” that could be used by local industry.
* Develop a complete list of all CTE programs available in the area regardless of their sponsorship by CSC.
  + Name and title of programs
  + Skills really being taught
  + Number of students in programs
  + Number of certificates awarded each year
  + Develop a way to track students leaving certificate programs to local employment.