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During 2006 and 2007, the College Sector Committee was funded to promote and provide guidance on the development of integrated delivery of Academic Upgrading, Apprenticeship and Job Connect programs in the colleges. Colleges have moved forward dramatically! This workshop will share strategies which have worked. The CSC's Provincial Models of Program Integration Project has collected data from all colleges on the effectiveness of the professional development activities and linkages made by measuring the knowledge changes of Academic Upgrading front line workers. Best practices and contact information will be presented at this workshop. Participants will have an opportunity to identify next steps provincially, regionally and internally.

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