



CENTRAL ILLINOIS REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

What is CIRCLE's Purpose? CIRCLE provides regional leadership for enhancing communities and promoting economic and workforce development through collaboration.

What has CIRCLE already accomplished? CIRCLE has successfully convened diverse partnerships to address regional healthcare workforce development in Central Illinois by:

- > Securing funding to provide incentives for Masters prepared nurses to seek a PhD and serve as educators to address the nurse faculty shortage.
- > Convening a regional committee of health educators and employers to pilot a shared Online Scheduling system offering the potential to add clinical site capacity.
- > Assisting partners in leveraging resources and creating opportunities for local, low income youth to obtain post-secondary training for high demand healthcare occupations.

How can CIRCLE support you in your endeavors?

As a **Catalyst, CIRCLE:**

- Facilitates identification of priority issues and common goals in Central Illinois; and
- Uncovers the potential for shared intellectual and fiscal resources in Central Illinois.

As a **Convener, CIRCLE:**

- Convenes leaders in Central Illinois for advancement of regional priorities and common goals; and
- Creates the opportunity for entities and individuals to discover mutual benefits through collaboration around common issues.

As a **Champion, CIRCLE:**

- Promotes Central Illinois as a model of regional cooperation, broadening Central Illinois' image as economically and personally desirable; and
- Advocates for communities, organizations, and citizens who will benefit from well-coordinated, strategic collaboration.

Why would I contact CIRCLE?

- To confidentially discuss an initiative that involves or could involve other entities.
- To determine whether you have a viable project for CIRCLE.
- To access a neutral voice on an issue of concern or a priority.
- To obtain assistance convening other entities with interest in pursuing a common goal.
- To gain support and guidance for regional improvement through a collaborative process.
- To identify other collaborative efforts in Central Illinois, statewide, or nationally that connect with your vision.

How would I contact CIRCLE? That's easy! Just contact **Kelli Hill** at (309)452-8437 or email her at kelli@bnbiz.org. **Or** you may contact one of our **Advisory Board Members:**

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