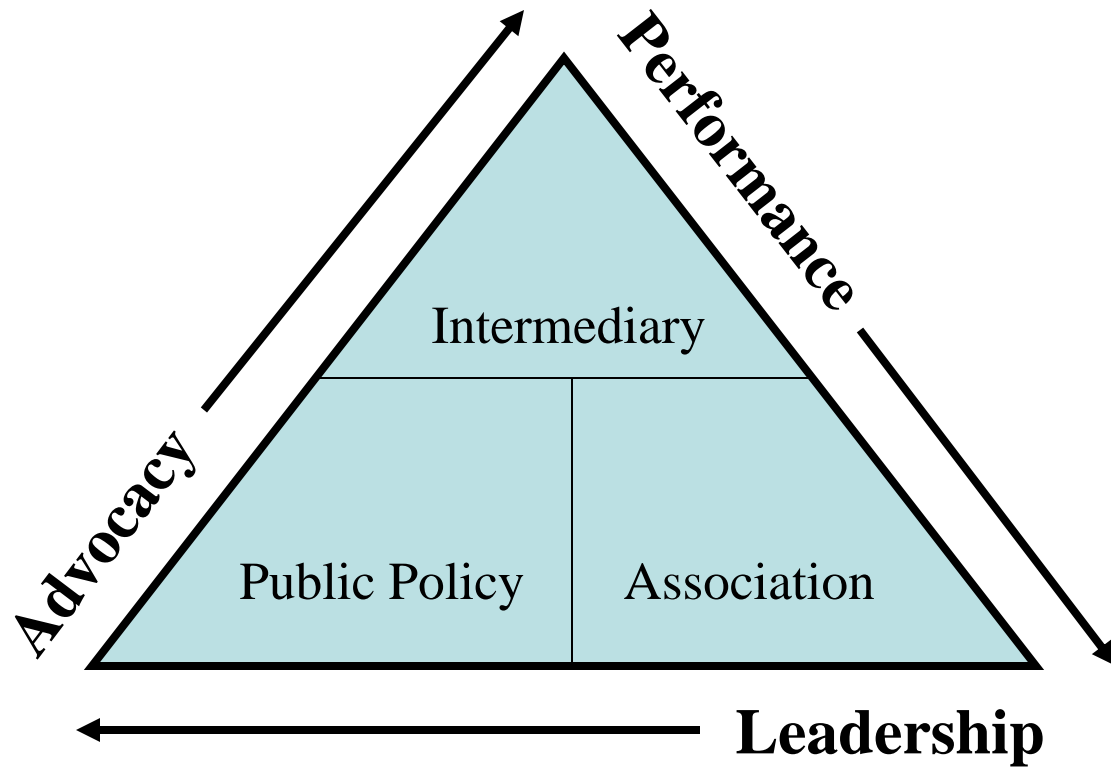




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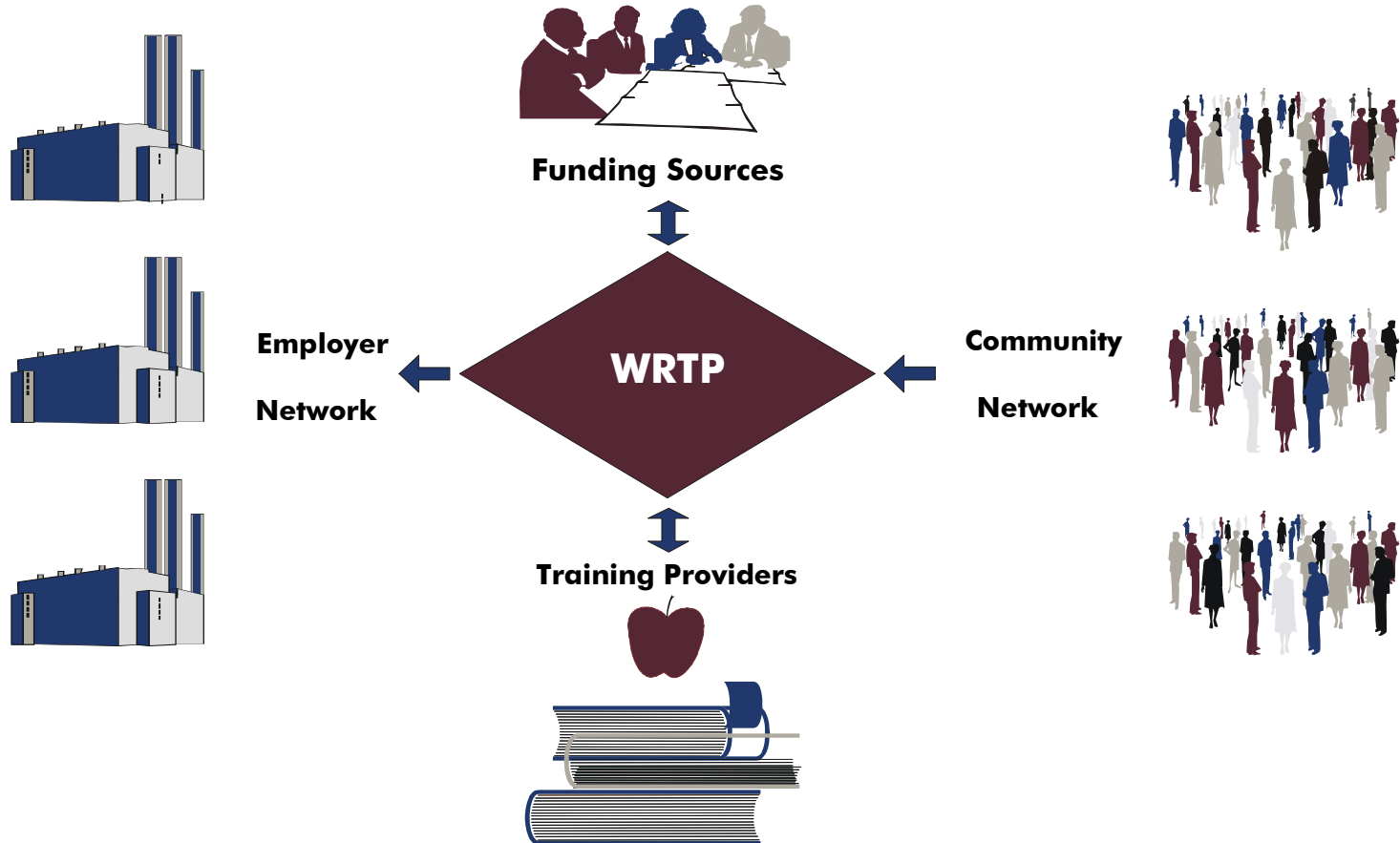
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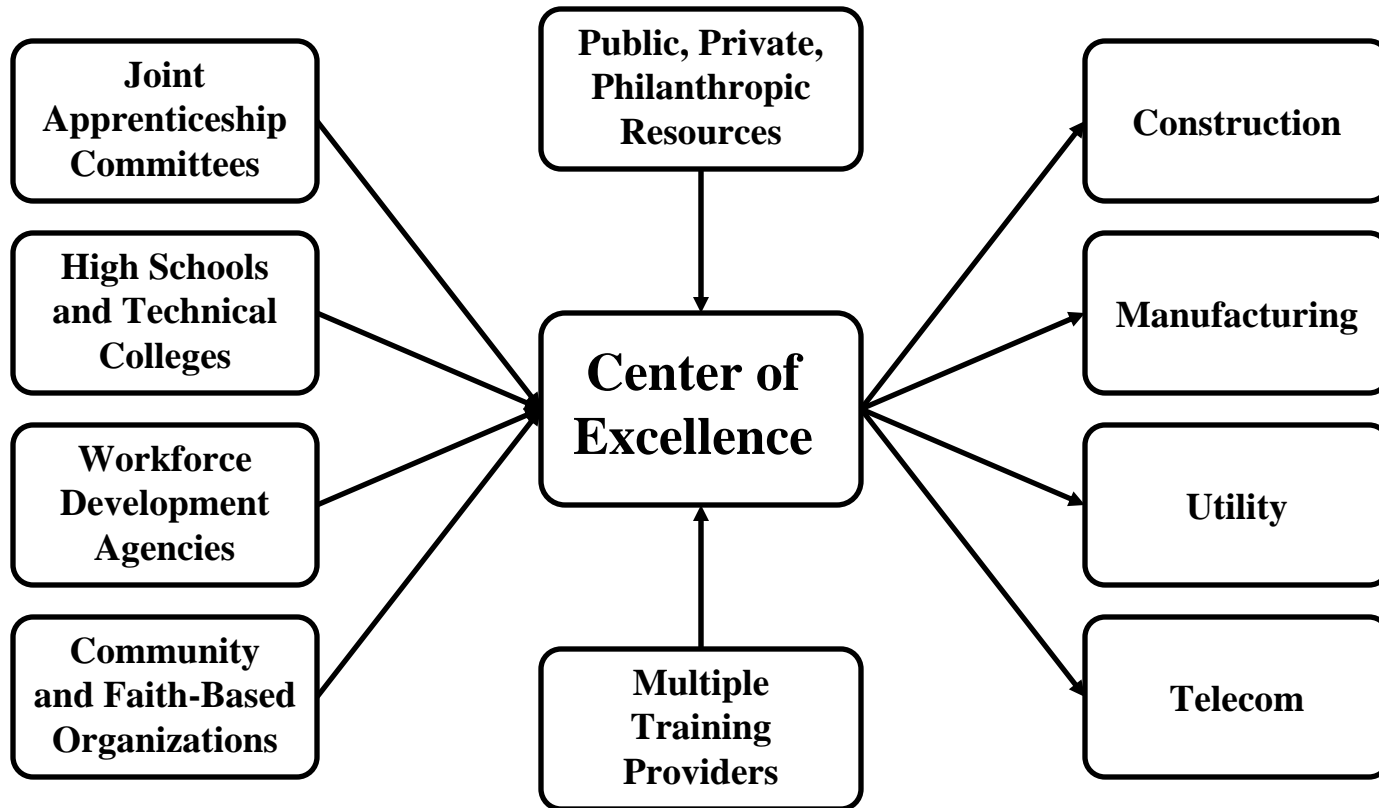
# Pipeline

- Create a central clearinghouse for the assessment, preparation, and placement of job ready candidates
  - Enable employers and unions to meet the staffing and diversity objectives of their respective trades or industries
  - Enable public sector agencies and community partners to refer job ready candidates for training and placement

# Workforce Intermediary



# Clearinghouse



# Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

- **TUESDAY, April 15, 2008, 10:34 a.m.**  
By [Joel Dresang](#)
- **More minority apprentices being hired**
- Milwaukee-area contractors have made "notable progress" in employing African-American construction trade apprentices - but there's still plenty room for improvement, according to a report released this morning from the Milwaukee branch of the NAACP.

The agency's report card updates a study released in 2006 that pointed out disparity in the diversity of workers in construction apprenticeships, through which workers earn money while training for careers in the trades.

According to the report, prepared by the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Employment & Training Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee:

The number of African-American apprentices rose 80% to 219 in September 2007 from 122 in September 2005. The number of Hispanic apprentices grew 57% to 151 from 96.

The percentage of African-American trainees in that same time rose to nearly 10% of 2,239 apprentices from less than 8% of 1,648. By comparison, black residents accounted for almost 16% of the metro area's population in the 2000 census.

For every African-American construction apprentice, the Milwaukee area has eight white apprentices, compared with a 1-to-11 ratio two years earlier.

"While we have seen notable progress since we issued our report card, much more improvement is needed," Jerry Ann Hamilton, president of the Milwaukee branch of the NAACP, said in a statement. "We need to substantially increase the number of African-Americans in the trades and open up these job opportunities to the community."



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