A Time-line History of the Capital District Educational Opportunity Center

1960s

Upon his authorization, a study is conducted that recommends that New York State establish experimental centers in four selected locations to provide needed vocational training to an economically underserved population. Funding is provided through the governor and NYS legislature.

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In 1964, the Troy facility of the EOC moves from Washington and Front Streets to 145 Congress Street, the site of the old Hudson United bank building. Reminders of original car dealerships can still be seen in the building today.

In 1966 the EOC is opened to 30 Russell Road, adjacent to Westgate Shopping Center.

In the 1960s an English as a Second Language program is added, allowing the Center to meet the needs of the region's refugee and immigrant population. Reminders of original car dealerships can still be seen in the building today.

In 1968, the Albany facility holds an Open House at a new location, 80 Central Avenue.

In 1969, the EOC is opened to 30 Russell Road, adjacent to the Westgate Shopping Center.

In 1970, the Capital District EOC celebrates its 10th anniversary.

In the early 1970s, a fire destroys the three sites totaling 629 students with 237 program graduates. Average wage for graduates was $75 a week.

In 1971, the EOC celebrates its 15th Anniversary.

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In 1978, the Albany Opportunity Van is used as a mobile office to assist in door-to-door recruitment efforts in the Capital District.

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In 1980, the Express Employment Service is opened.

In 1981, the EOC celebrates its 20th Anniversary.

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In 1994, the EOC celebrates its 70th Anniversary.

In 1995, the EOC celebrates its 75th Anniversary.

In 1996, the EOC celebrates its 80th Anniversary.

In 1997, the EOC celebrates its 85th Anniversary.

In 1998, the EOC celebrates its 90th Anniversary.

In 1999, the EOC celebrates its 95th Anniversary.

In 2000, the EOC celebrates its 100th Anniversary.