

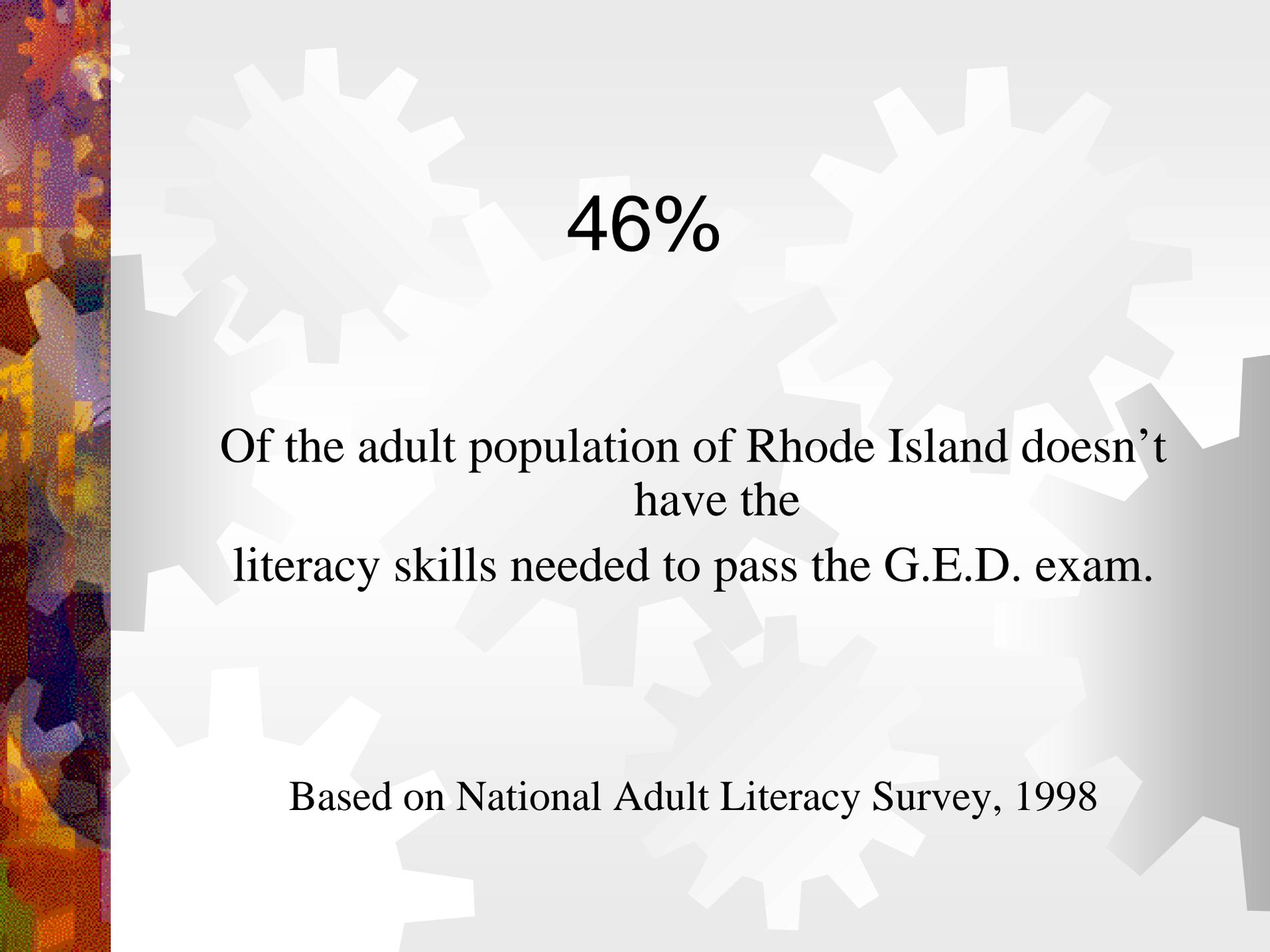
Welcome to the
RI Workforce Literacy Collaborative
Seminar Breakfast
Thursday, October 25, 2001



It's Our Job To Build A Better America



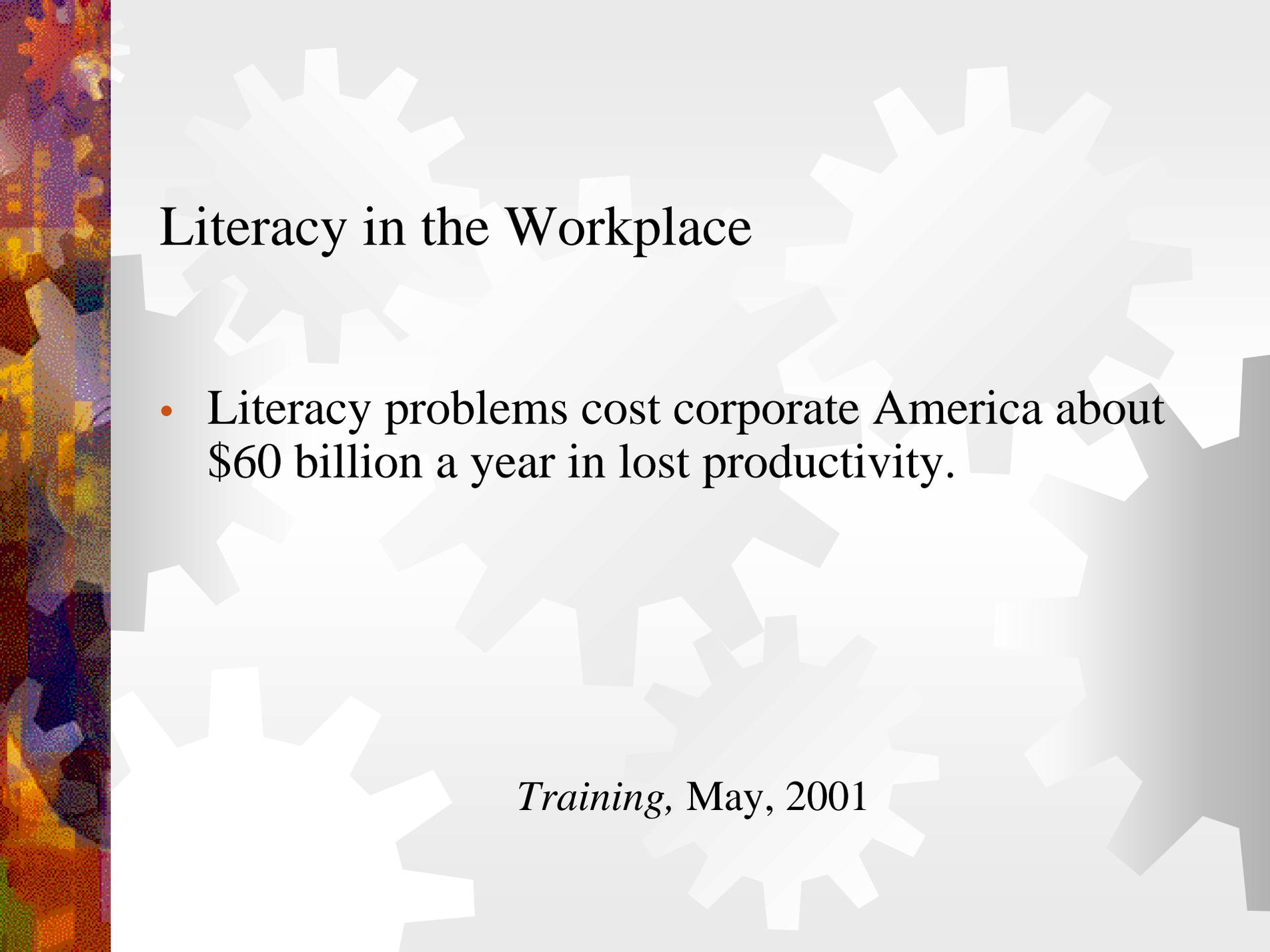
And That Job Starts Here In Rhode Island With You.



46%

Of the adult population of Rhode Island doesn't
have the
literacy skills needed to pass the G.E.D. exam.

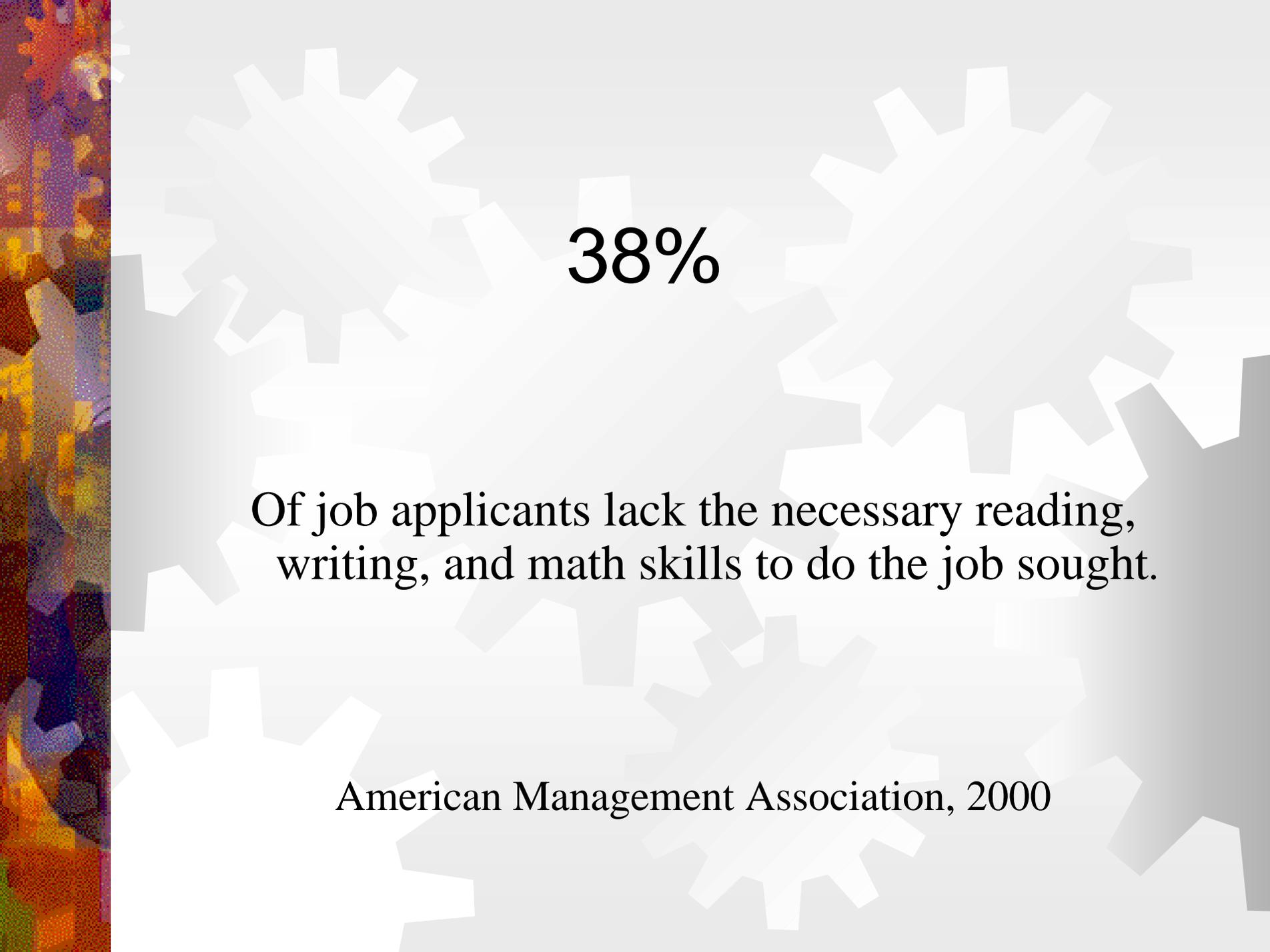
Based on National Adult Literacy Survey, 1998



Literacy in the Workplace

- Literacy problems cost corporate America about \$60 billion a year in lost productivity.

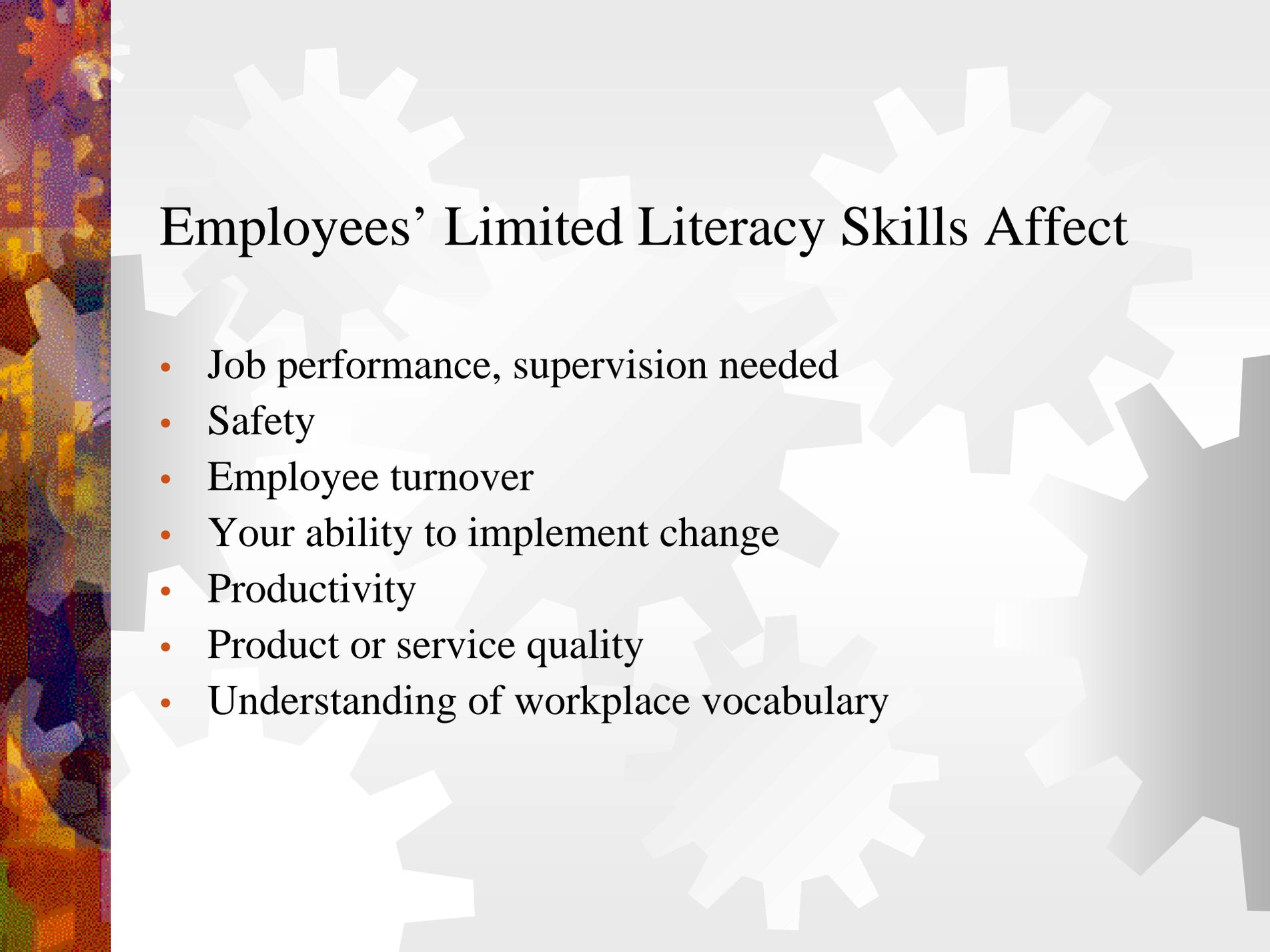
Training, May, 2001



38%

Of job applicants lack the necessary reading, writing, and math skills to do the job sought.

American Management Association, 2000



Employees' Limited Literacy Skills Affect

- Job performance, supervision needed
- Safety
- Employee turnover
- Your ability to implement change
- Productivity
- Product or service quality
- Understanding of workplace vocabulary



13%

Of businesses offer remedial training to employees, down from 24% in 1993.

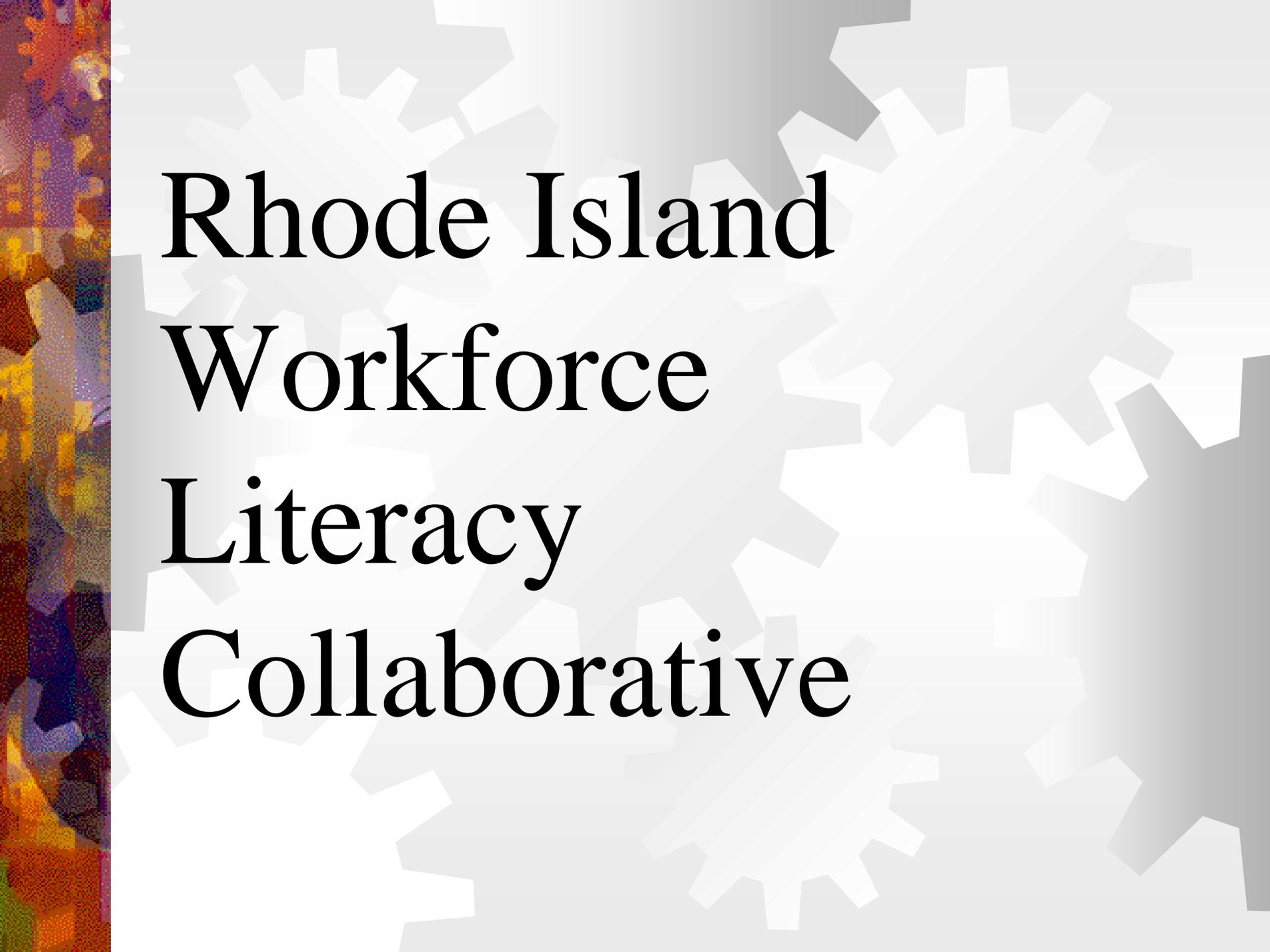
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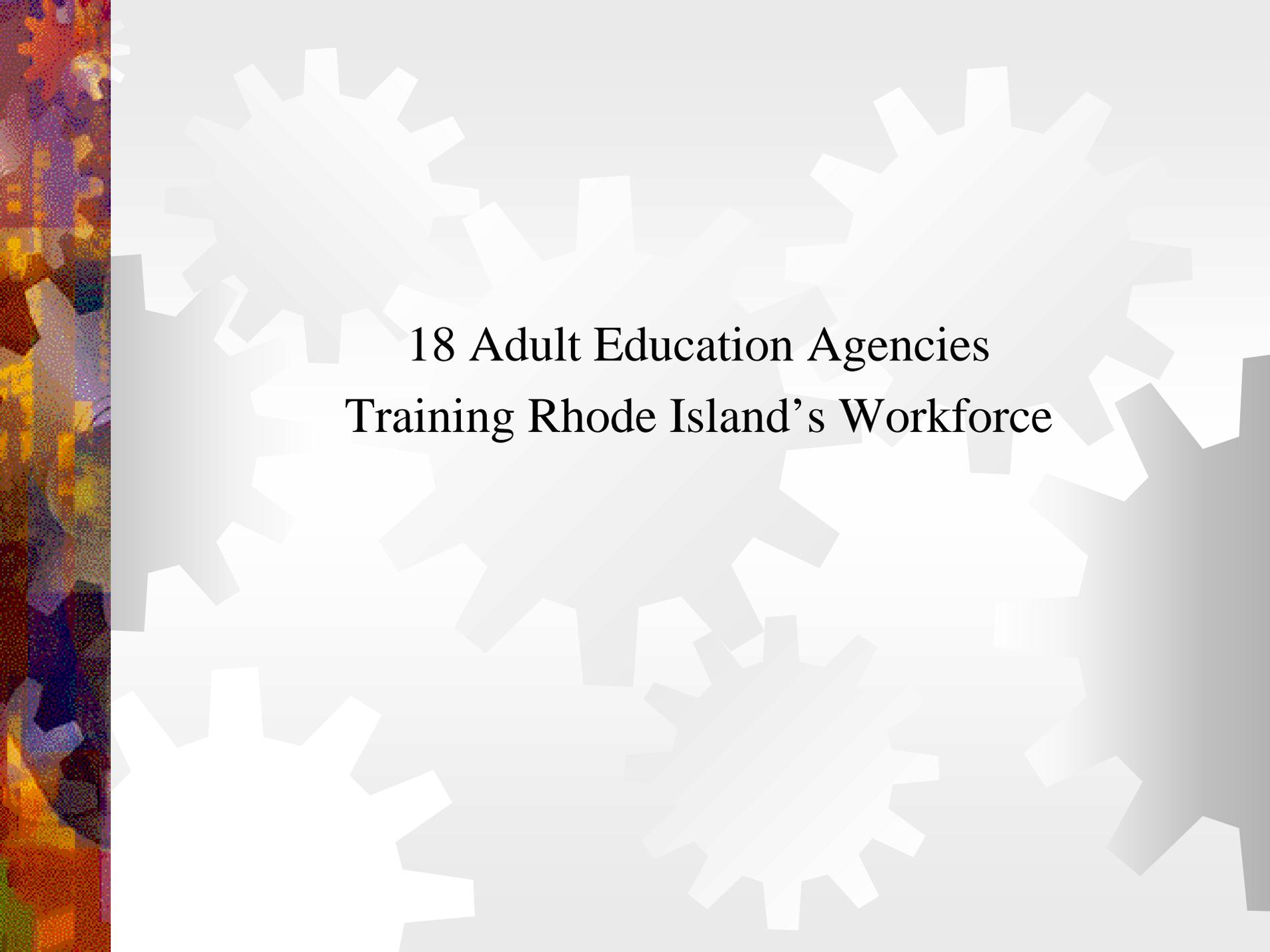
10% increase in the average education of all workers yields an 8.66% to 11% average gain in productivity.

Investing in people improves productivity more than increasing the number of hours employees work or investing in new equipment or facilities

Work America, June, 1995

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Rhode Island Workforce Literacy Collaborative

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18 Adult Education Agencies
Training Rhode Island's Workforce

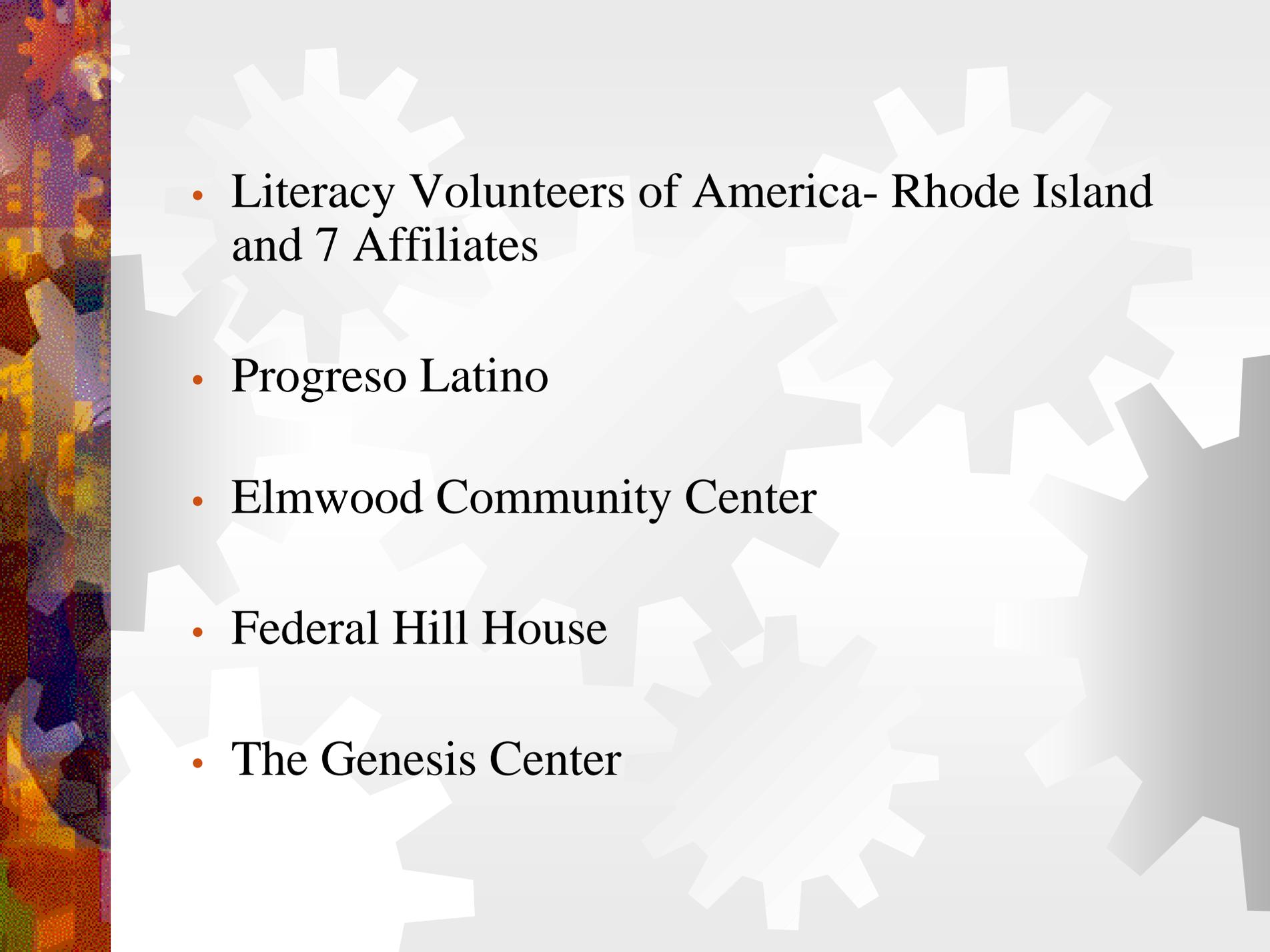
Project Goals

- Improve education services to the Rhode Island workforce.
- Provide continuum of workforce and workplace adult literacy services.
- Create and present professional development opportunities to all adult literacy providers in the state.
- Strengthen the connections among business, literacy providers and placement services.

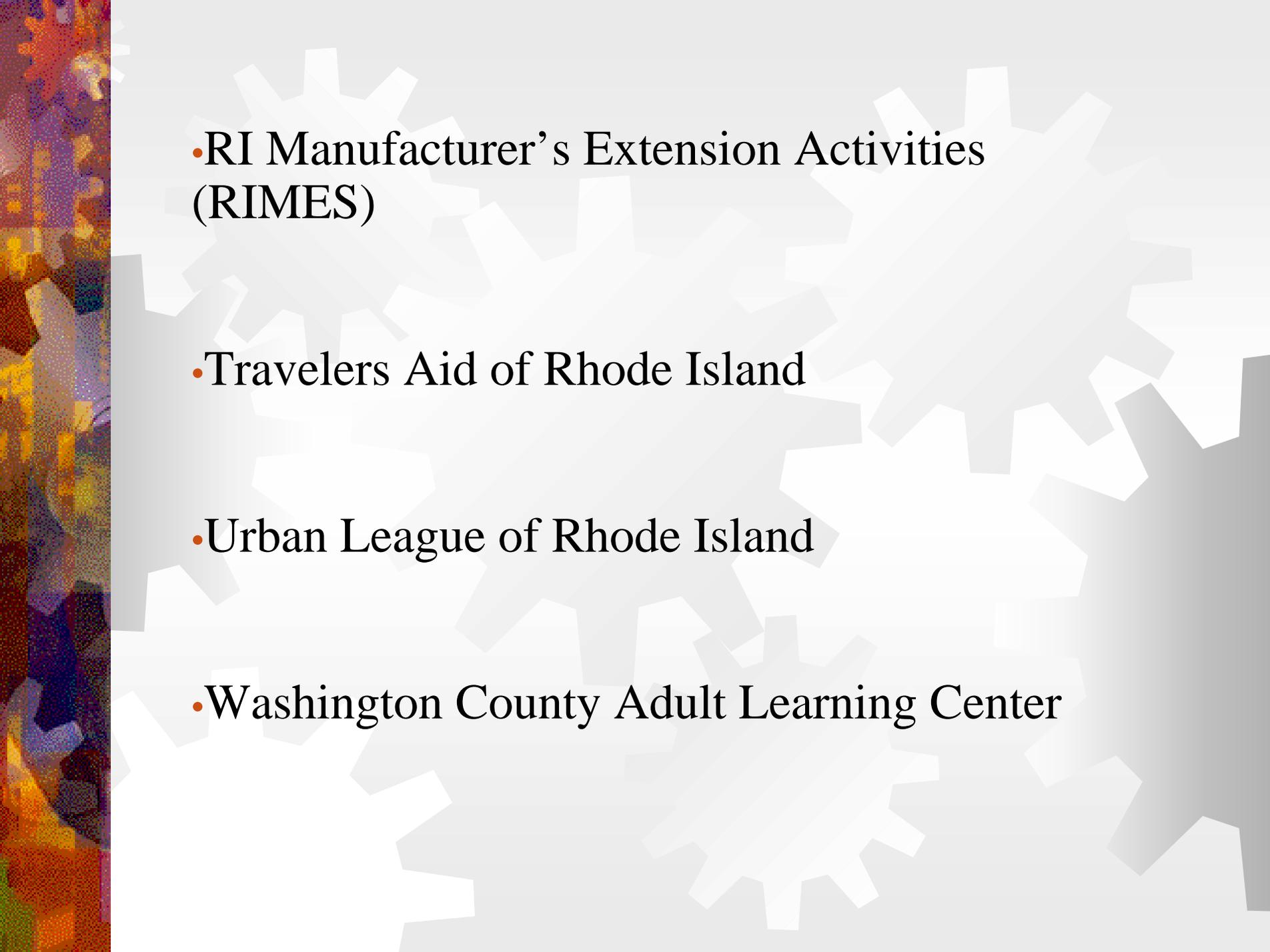


Member Agencies

- Associates for a Productive Workplace
- Community College of Rhode Island
- Chamber Education Foundation
- Dorcas Place

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- Literacy Volunteers of America- Rhode Island and 7 Affiliates
 - Progreso Latino
 - Elmwood Community Center
 - Federal Hill House
 - The Genesis Center

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- Institute-Labor Studies & Research
 - International Institute of Rhode Island
 - Project RIRAL
 - PQS Training
 - Rhode Island College-Outreach Program



- RI Manufacturer's Extension Activities (RIMES)

- Travelers Aid of Rhode Island

- Urban League of Rhode Island

- Washington County Adult Learning Center

What Workers Must Know

Literacy– English– GED –Job Specific–Technology–Productivity



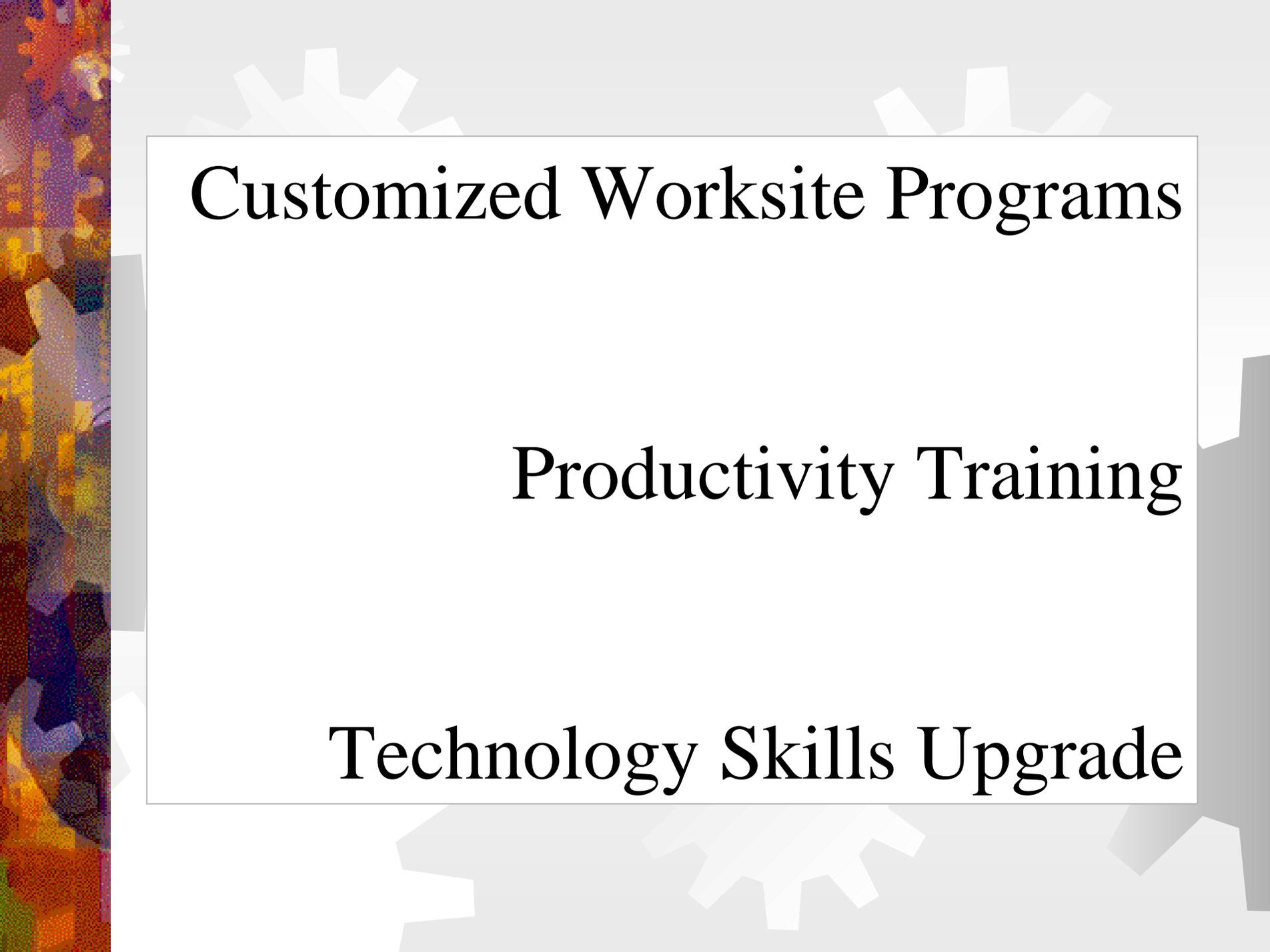
Every Skill – Every Level

Services to the RI Workforce

Training RI's employed
and unemployed worker

Job Seeking Skills
English As A Second Language
Basic Skills Instructions

GED
Job Specific Skills
Job Placement/
Internship/OJT



Customized Worksite Programs

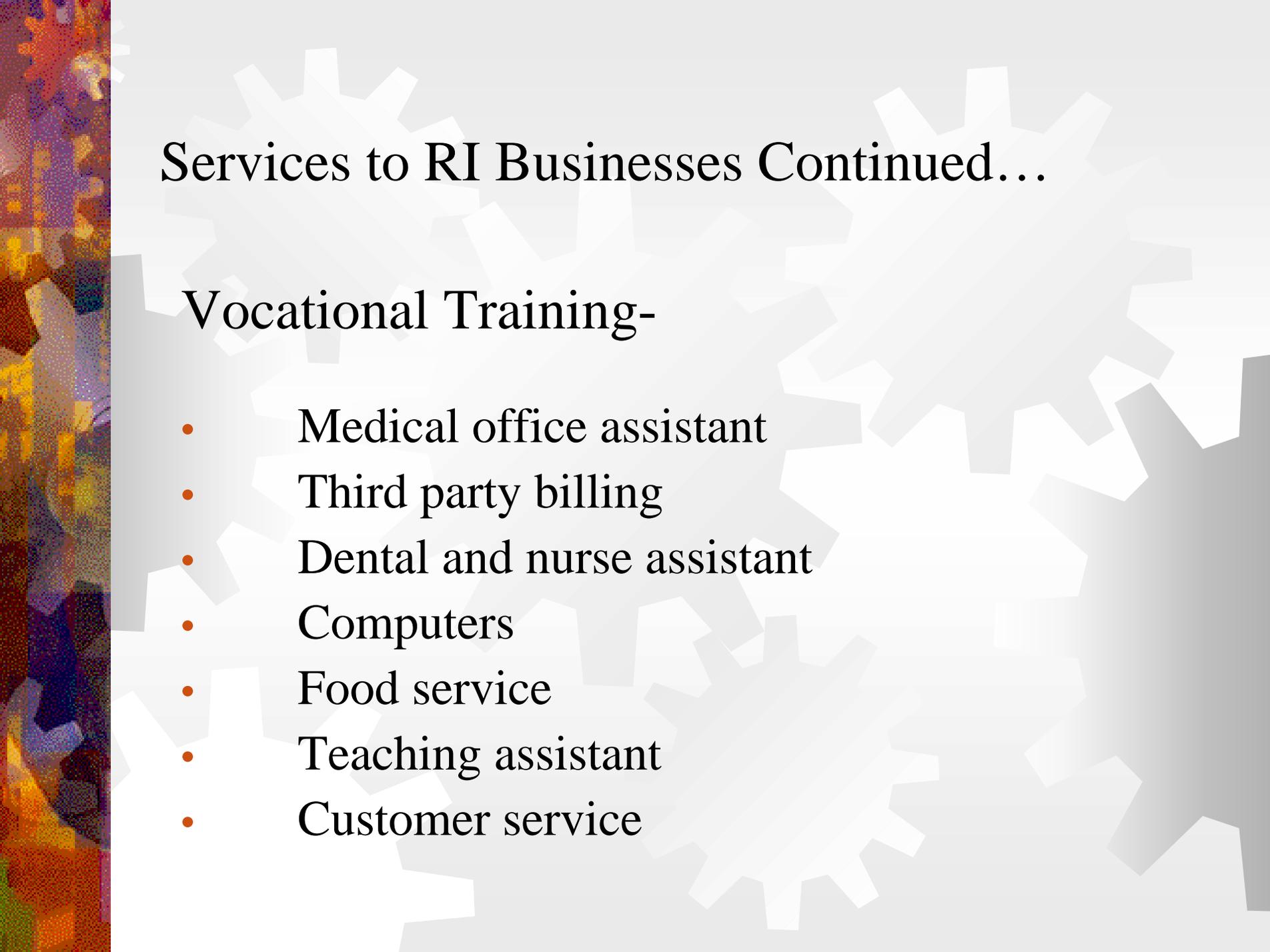
Productivity Training

Technology Skills Upgrade



Services to RI Businesses

- Employee Peer Tutoring
- English as a Second Language
- High School Equivalency (GED)
- Applied Basic Skills
- Workplace Productivity Training



Services to RI Businesses Continued...

Vocational Training-

- Medical office assistant
- Third party billing
- Dental and nurse assistant
- Computers
- Food service
- Teaching assistant
- Customer service

Everything you need

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