



U.S. DOL Registered Apprenticeship (RA) Technical Assistance (TA) Center of Excellence Newsletter

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TA Resources and Tools

New TEGL: Requirements for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) State Plans for Program Years 2024 - 2027



The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) recently released [Training and Employment Guidance Letter \(TEGL\) 04-23 – Requirements for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act \(WIOA\) State Plans for Program Years \(PY\) 2024 – 2027](#). This TEGL conveys the Administration's priorities, State Plan requirements, submission process, and deadline for WIOA Unified and Combined State Plans for PY 2024 through

2027. The TEGL includes several RA points of guidance including utilizing pre-apprenticeship and RA in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law projects, utilization of RA in WIOA Title 1 Youth programs, and developing strategic partnerships with pre-apprenticeship programs and RA program sponsors.

We encourage workforce staff involved in writing state WIOA Unified or Combined Plans to read this TEGL and view our webinar series on Demonstrated State Apprenticeship Leadership in 2020 Unified/Combined Plans. The most recent webinar recording is following (see next article) and can be found on the [Center's Tools and Resources webpage](#).

**Center Webinar Series:
Demonstrated State Apprenticeship Leadership in WIOA
Unified/Combined Plans**

The Center hosted the final part of a three-part webinar series during NAW entitled [**Demonstrated State Apprenticeship Leadership in 2020 Unified/Combined Plans, Part Three: Meet State Objectives, Moving the Needle on Apprenticeship Efforts.**](#)



The webinars were designed to provide TA to state leaders on four indicators of RA/workforce system alignment. [**Part One**](#) focused on establishing a collaborative state-level work group to advise and support RA alignment work with the State Workforce Development Board. [**Part Two**](#) focused on embedding or co-locating RA expertise in American Job Centers. [**Part Three**](#) focused on establishing RA-specific metrics in state WIOA Unified and Combined Plans. To watch these webinars and access all other Center resources, visit the [**Center's Tools and Resources webpage.**](#)

On-Demand Webinar: Rural America's Registered Apprenticeship Promising Practices



During the Center's recent webinar on [**Rural America's Registered Apprenticeship Promising Practices**](#) RA subject matter experts from across the U.S. spoke about how rural workforce development boards can help a business sponsor and launch an RA program. [**Urban Institute Senior Policy Manager**](#)

[**Zach Boren**](#) was joined by rural health care and agriculture grantees who spoke about their experience with RA program development. Lisa Petty-Hoveman, Director of Apprenticeship Programs, Economic and Workforce Development for [**Shasta College**](#) (CA), and three members of the [**Delta Health Alliance**](#) - Tyeshia Green, Director of Workforce Development Programs; Brooks Ann Gaston, Vice President of Community Engagement, and Beth McCullers, Vice President of Sponsored Programs - shared their program development process, challenges faced, and keys to securing stakeholder support for RA expansion. [**View the webinar.**](#)

Center of Excellence News

National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP) 2023 Youth Symposium

Center staff were joined by the California State Director of the DOL Office of Apprenticeship, Doug Howell, and the State Apprenticeship Director of the



Office of the Nevada Labor Commissioner, Toni Giddens, at NAWDP's 2023 Youth Symposium. The standing-room-only session gave attendees an overview of keys to building high-quality youth apprenticeship partnerships and how local workforce boards can increase WIOA and non-WIOA support for RA programs engaging both in-school and out-of-school youth.



NAW Highlight: ApprenticeshipPA Collaborative & Expo



Center of Excellence SME Alan Dodkowitz (*above top, left*) was privileged to moderate the **PA Workforce Development Association ApprenticeshipPA Collaborative & Expo** opening panel session featuring John Tkach, Executive Director of Keystone Development Partnership; Rachel Mauer, President of the German American Chamber of Commerce Pittsburgh Chapter; and Rebecca Ambrose, the Director of Training &

The Center also hosted a breakout session at the conference for PA workforce, industry, education, and government stakeholders on "Help is on the Way! Ways the Workforce System Can Support Your Registered Apprenticeship Program." RA SMEs Alan Dodkowitz and Hailey Schuster (*above*) presented on the Center's work to increase workforce and RA system-level alignment as well as how their organizations can access WIOA and

Apprenticeship at Philadelphia Works, Inc. Thank you to Carrie Amann and the PWDA team for the opportunity to support your event and your ongoing work to scale workforce and RA system alignment!

non-WIOA services, funding, and resources from their local workforce board to support new or expanded RA program development. [Learn more about PWDA's NAW Expo.](#)

NAW Highlight: COABE Webinar - "Connecting Adult Education to Pre-Apprenticeship and Registered Apprenticeship: TA Resources to Support Adult Education Programs"

COABE, the nation's largest association of Adult Education leaders and professionals, hosted a NAW webinar featuring Amber Gallup, Adult Education Director at New Mexico Higher Education Department, and Safal Partners RA SME Clare Vandepool.

The [NAW webinar](#) is part of COABE's ongoing work as a national Center partner to equip Adult Education stakeholders with tools and knowledge to support expanded pre-apprenticeship and RA program pathways for students.



NAW Highlight: Inaugural Mt. San Jacinto College Apprenticeship Connection Summit

Thank you to Tonya Burke, Director for [Apprenticeships and Work-Based Learning at Mt. San Jacinto College](#) (CA) for inviting the Center to present at MSJC's inaugural NAW summit. The Summit brought together key stakeholders from across the region representing industry, local government, community



organizations, workforce boards, and secondary and post-secondary educational institutions. The Summit is part of the College's ongoing work to accelerate awareness and adoption of RA to develop California's future talent pipeline, working closely with the [LAUNCH Apprenticeship Network](#). Safal Partners Director and RA/Workforce SME Jeremy Faulkner presented on "Keys to Effective Apprenticeship Partnerships" expanding on the Center's [Workforce Board Guide for Identifying Pre-apprenticeship and Registered Apprenticeship Partners](#).

Upcoming Event

December 7, 2023

Office Hours: "Leveling Up Your Workforce Board's Alignment with Registered Apprenticeship"

Time: 1:00 - 2:00 pm ET

Is your workforce board considering how to get started in adopting RA or supporting RA programs in your area? Have you taken a few first steps but wondering what a higher level of workforce/RA system alignment could look like? The Center has created a draft tool designed to help boards visualize "levels" of RA alignment and self-assess their current alignment status. Join us for this special interactive session as we share the draft tool, walk through the proposed "levels" of alignment, including indicators and next steps, and then provide an open forum for feedback. Join us to learn more and help inform further development of this tool for the national workforce system!



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