Aligning Workforce and Registered Apprenticeship: Peer-to-Peer Learning Series



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Presenter

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Chief Delivery Officer
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Center of Excellence Overview

- U.S. DOL initiative to increase alignment, partnerships across apprenticeship, education, and workforce systems
- Led by Safal Partners; 5 national partners
- Provide technical assistance through:
 - 255 virtual, in-person and hybrid sessions
 - 18,000+ TA recipients
 - 82 webinars with 5,000+ participants
 - 41 states impacted via cohort or 1:1 TA
 - 4,483 commitments to drive RA strategic partnerships
 - 132 new TA resources on our website (desk aids, guides, webinars, etc.)

















Agenda

- Center Overview > A Look at Alignment Fundamentals
- II. Spotlight: Missouri, Puerto Rico
 - Overview of Workforce and RA Systems
 - Key Alignment Practices
 - Aligning for Success
 - Challenges & Recommendations
 - Looking Ahead Future Priorities/Goals
- IV. Facilitated Breakout Sessions
- V. Report Out and Wrap Up







Determining Alignment Fundamentals





Firsts: Understanding the Field

Multiple methodologies: ongoing data analysis, interviews, national and state assessments, focus groups, TA participant feedback, literature review. Work produced numerous firsts:

- First national assessment, "Workforce System RA Baseline Knowledge Assessment Report"
- First analysis of WIOA State Unified and Combined Plans for RA
- First framework for RA and WIOA alignment
- First analysis of national, state WIOA/RA co-enrollment data
- First landscape scan, analysis of Apprenticeship Networks across US
- First national report on WIOA Title I, II Partnerships,
 Pre-apprenticeship framework for adult IET programs
- First national Apprenticeship Training Representative (ATR)/Business Service
 Representative (BSR) training







Advancing Alignment: COE's Initiatives

Knowledge Assessment



WIOA State Plan Analysis



Key Components of Alignment



Data Sharing and Analysis







Baseline Knowledge – Rethinking Assumptions





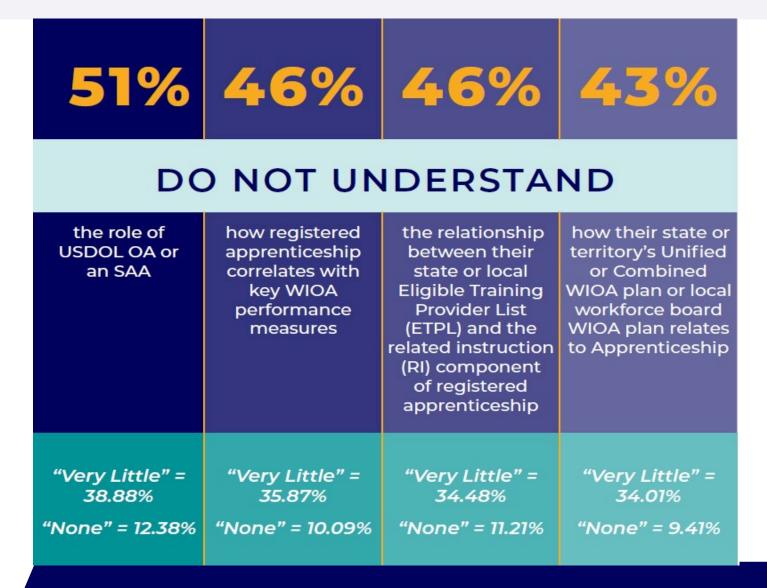
- RA knowledge is a leading indicator of workforce system alignment
- The degree to which an organization's leadership and/or staff has large RA knowledge gaps = degree of RA alignment and utilization in service delivery







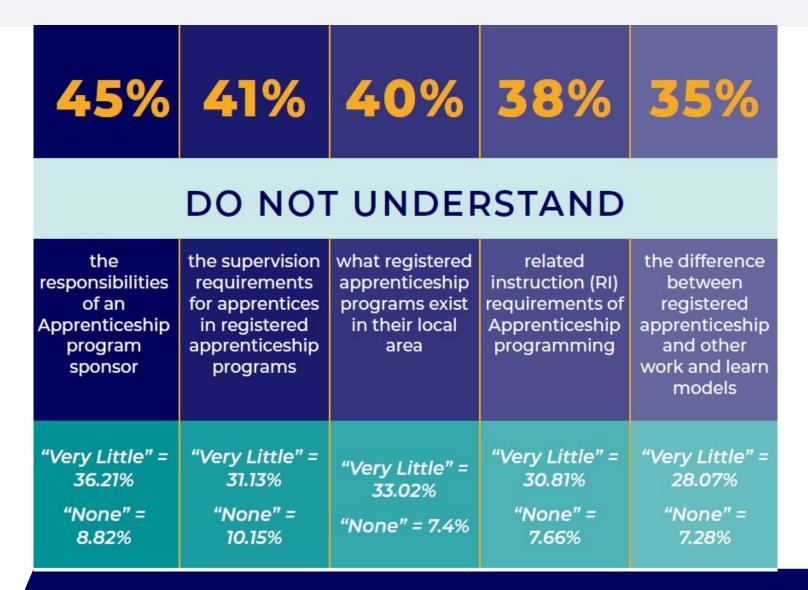
Baseline Knowledge Assessment: Connecting Systems







Baseline Knowledge Assessment: RA 101







Baseline Knowledge Assessment: Funding

44%

33%

DO NOT UNDERSTAND

what programs pay for the components of registered apprenticeship

how to use WIOA supportive services to serve apprentices

"Very Little" = 36.73%

"None" = 6.99%

"Very Little" = 26%

"None" = 7.43%





Baseline Knowledge Assessment: RA Outreach

47% 42% 30% DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW TO communicate communicate the convene partners benefits of registered benefits of registered locally apprenticeship apprenticeship to job seekers to employers "Very Little" = 24.22% "Very Little" = 37.46% "Very Little" = 31% "None" = 11.09% "None" = 9.18% "None" = 6.08%





Contributors to Low WIOA Title I/RA Alignment

Multiple additional factors driving low incorporation of RA into WIOA service delivery including...

- Priority of meeting WIOA performance metrics easier to meet with short-term training
- View of WIOA as "last dollar in" for RA given administrative burden vs. fewer restrictions with non-WIOA \$\$
- Few/no strategic relationships with RA system
- Very low understanding of Workforce System/WIOA on RA side
- Lack of easily accessible, system-focused, scalable training
- Separate data systems





The Significance of RA-Inclusive WIOA State Planning

- Increases RA incorporation into broader workforce goals
- Expands RA sponsors', apprentices', stakeholders' access to funding and resources
- Encourages RA-supportive policy development at the state and local level
- Prioritizes RA for WIOA service delivery to job seekers and employers
- Improves WIOA performance outcomes
- Increases likelihood of data sharing across systems







6 Indicators of RA Alignment in WIOA State Plans



- 1. State-Level RA Coordination Committee
- 2.Local RA Expertise
- 3. Federal RA Grant Engagement
- 4.RA Strategy in State Plan
- 5. Measurable RA Goals
- 6. State-Level RA Investment or Policy





Indicators of Alignment in 2024 WIOA State Plans



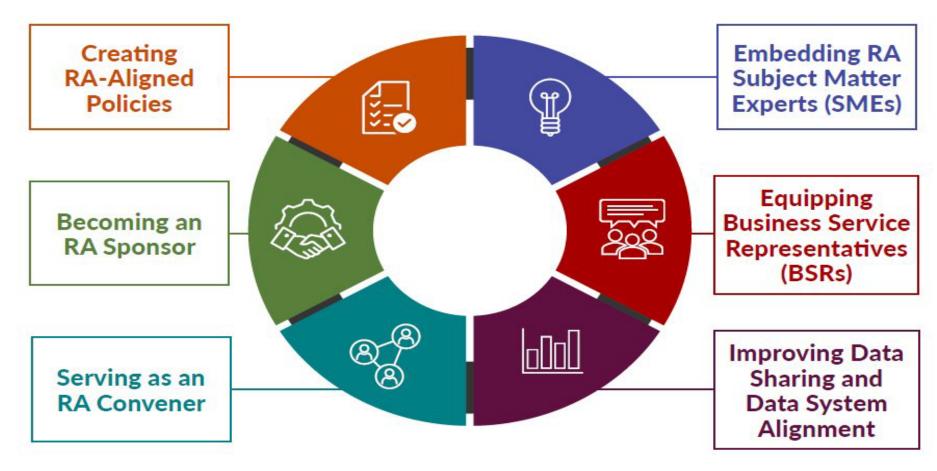
RA Alignment Indicator	# of States/Territories Meeting Indicator	% of States/ Territories	% Change 2020-2024
1. State-Level RA Coordination Committee	14	21%	-12.5%
2. Local RA Expertise	22	33%	-8.3%
3. Federal RA Grant Engagement	47	71%	4.4%
4. RA Strategy in State Plan	36	55%	24.1%
5. Measurable RA Goals	9	14%	28.6%
6. State level RA Investment or Policy	33	50%	50%





Key Components of Workforce System Alignment with Registered Apprenticeship





Key Components of Workforce System Alignment with Registered Apprenticeship (RA)





The Significance of Data in Strengthening Alignment

Why Track, Use, and Share Data?

- Provides evidence, insights and accountability
- Drives strategic decision-making
- Informs resource allocation, improves efficiencies
- Assists in setting service delivery priorities

For Example - Data Shows Us....

- From 2020 to 20204, 37.5% growth in the # of states with 3 of the 6 RA alignment indicators in WIOA State Plan
- Current national WIOA Title I/RA co-enrollment rate = .6%







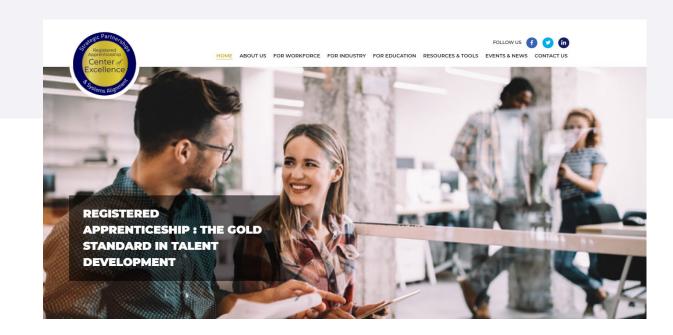
Sustaining Momentum

Center's web repository includes accessible, actionable tools:

- National ATR/BSR training
- WIOA State Planning webinars
- RA Guide for Chambers of Commerce
- Adult Education / IET Pre-Apprenticeship RA Framework
- Intermediary Assessment tool
- Tip Sheets on Working with Employers, Engaging Veterans, and more







Spotlight on State Teams





RA & Workforce Alignment: California



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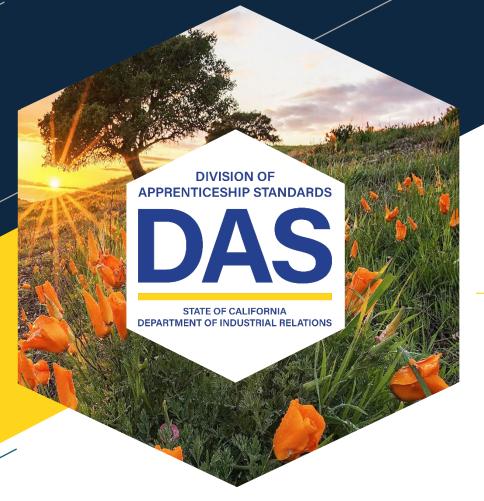
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WIOA and Apprenticeship Integration

CALIFORNIA Reflections

CA Reflections

- Adele Burnes, Chief, Division of Apprenticeship Standards
- Chris Cagle, Director of Business Services & Apprenticeship, South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB)
- Jed Silver, Program Manager, Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County



State Apprenticeship Expansion, Equity and Innovation Grant (SAEEI)

The SAEEI grants from USDOL were intended support states to achieve the following goals:

- •Apprenticeship system expansion to support the development, modernization, and diversification of RAPs, particularly as a support for state reemployment and recovery efforts;
- Partnership and alignment to support workforce system alignment;
- •Increasing the number of apprentices enrolled in RAPs, including from under-represented populations; and
- •Innovation in apprenticeship expansion efforts to include program development and recruitment strategies.



DAS SAEEI Grant Overview

State Apprenticeship Expansion, Equity and Innovation Grant (SAEEI)

 DAS solicited proposals from Regional Workforce
 Development Boards (WDB) and Apprenticeship Program
 Sponsors (APS) to develop new apprenticeship programs or expand on existing apprenticeship programs that work to create opportunities for underserved communities.

Selected programs were required to work in collaboration with:

- Local Workforce Development Board (WDB)
- Employer/Organization/Industry Partner
- Local Education Agency (LEA)/Academic Partner
- Local/Regional Community Based Organizations (CBO)



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Applicants	Occupations	Region	Amount	Number of Apprentices Funded
Inland Empire Designing Equitable Apprenticeships (IEDEA)	IT & Cybersecurity, Health Care, Transit, Manufacturing, Civil Service	Inland Empire	\$1,824,000	380
Workforce Development Apprenticeship Program - Workforce Development Board Kern, Inyo & Mono	Workforce Development CWA	Central Valley, Bay Area, Los Angeles and Kern	\$640,000	133
South Bay WIB	Bio-Manufacturing, Healthcare, IT, Arts/Media/Entertainment, Energy/Climate	Los Angeles, Bay Area and Central Valley	\$2 Million	417
Statewide Expansion of Early Care & Education Registered Apprenticeship Programs (ECEPTS)	Early Childhood Education, Teachers, Home Visitor/Paraprofessional	Los Angeles, Bay Area and Central Valley	\$592,000	123
Jumpstart San Luis Obispo Partners	IT, Professional Services, Early Childhood Education, Advanced Manufacturing	Central Coast	\$2 million	380
P4E	EMT & Paramedic	Bay Area	\$240,000	50

2022 Awards

https://www.dir.ca.gov/DAS/Grants/Grants.html

- In 5 awards, the WDB was the primary recipient
 - IEDEA in partnership with LAUNCH
 - WDAP in partnership with CWA
 - SBWIB Program Sponsor
 - SLO WDB Partnered with SLO Partners
 - P4E WDB of Contra Costa
- For 1 award, the awardee was the RAP and they partnered with the WDB
 - ECEPTS Verdugo WDB



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Reflections on WIOA and RAP

- Important to build pathways from WIOA services to RAP
- Should <u>not</u> necessarily be required for:
 - All apprentices to be registered with WIOA
 - WDB to be the primary apprenticeship program sponsor
 - WDB to be the exclusive fiscal entity for RAP funding
- Ideal role for WDB in apprenticeship:
 - Key sourcing pipeline for talent in need of the earn and learn pathway
 - Pre-Apprenticeship training to help build that pathway
 - Support services for WIOA eligible apprentices
 - Wage augmentation for WIOA eligible apprentices
 - Sourcing and supportive services for apprentices





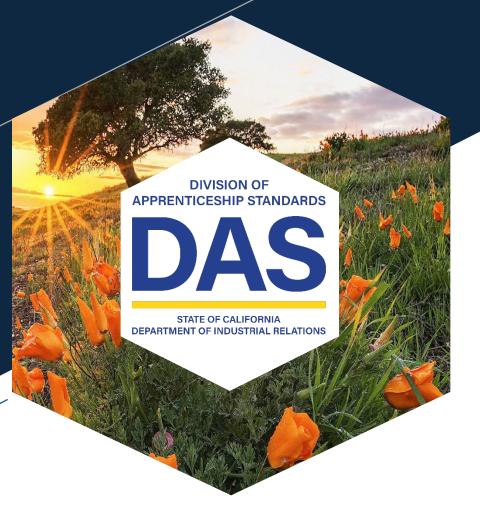
Search Apprenticeship Programs

Identify Apprenticeship Program Partners

DAS Apprenticeship Search: www.dir.ca.gov/das

DOL Apprenticeship: www.apprenticeship.gov





Thank You

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Exploring Apprenticeship Programs

A Pathway to Growth and Success

Chris Cagle, Director Business Services & Apprenticeship South Bay Workforce Investment Board



South Bay Workforce Investment Board

Service Area: 11 cities of South Bay, Los Angeles

County, CA

Budget: \$35MM

Staff: 130 employees

Non-profit: allows flexibility to secure funding and go beyond service area and provide programming throughout California and the nation







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Energy-Flex





Pre-Apprenticeship

Industry exposure and exploration

Three Learning Tracks

Track I - Work Readiness **Skills Training**

Instruction and Coaching:

- Resume
- Job Application
- Interview Skills
- Employee Attributes

Track II - Related Technical Skills

- Students receive instruction specific to an occupation.
- Provided by the district or online courses provided by **SBWIB**

Registered of Inregistered

Track III - Work "Experience"

Examples:

- Job Site Field Trip
- Guest Speakers
- Job Shadow
- Internship

3 OPTIONS

Short-term, closed ended, flexible design.







Pre Apprenticeship for School Districts













CAREER PATHWAY APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS



Aero-Flex/Space-Flex SBWIB Registered Apprenticeships:

- 1. Aircraft Interior Design and Upholstery Assembler/Installer A7
- Optics Manufacturing Technician A10
- Electronic Assembler (aka Assembler, Installer, General) A11
- 4. Facility Technician (aka Maintenance Repairer, Build) A12
- 5. RF Assembler (aka Assembler, Installer, General) A13
- 6. RF Technician (aka Industrial Manufacturing Technician) A14
- Aerospace Systems Assembler (aka Assembler, Installer, General) A15
- 8. Aerospace Systems Technician (aka Industrial Manufacturing Technician) A16
- 9. Facility Technician (Space/Aerospace) A19
- 10. Industrial Machine System Technician A20
- Aerospace Manufacturing Engineer A22

Bio-Flex SBWIB Registered Apprenticeships:

- Production Technician (aka Bio-Manufacturing Technician)* A1
- 2. Biomedical Equipment Technician (aka Biomedical Maintenance Technician)* A2
- Biomedical Equipment Technician (aka Biomedical Maintenance Technician) A3
- Inspector, Quality Assurance (aka Bio-Medical Quality Assurance Specialist) A4
- Bio-Production Technician (aka Bio-Manufacturing Technician) A6
- Bio-Medical Quality Technician (aka Microbiology Quality Control Tech) A9

Energy-Flex SBWIB Registered Apprenticeship:

- Automotive Service Technician (aka Automotive Technician Specialist) A17
- Zero Waste Corps Member (aka Recycling and Reclamation Worker) A21

Health-Flex SBWIB Registered Apprenticeships:

- Certified Nursing Assistant (aka Nurse Assistant Certified)
- Clinical Laboratory Scientist (aka Medical-Laboratory Technician) A8
- 3. Substance Use Disorder Counselor (Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor) A18

IT-Flex SBWIB Registered Apprenticeship:

1. Cyber Intel Security Analyst (aka Cyber Security Support Technician) - A5

SBWIB Partners



- 1. Aerospace Engineer*
- 2. CNC Operator Milling and Turning*
- 3. Industrial Engineering Technician (Aerospace Quality Assurance Technician)
- 4. Industrial Machine System Technician*
- 5. Tool and Die Maker
- 6. Aerospace Engineer

West LA College



- 1. Dental Assistant (aka Dental Specialist)
- 2. Aircraft Structures Mechanic Assembler (aka Assembler, Installer, General)
- 3. Aircraft Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) Mechanic
- 4. Industrial Manufacturing Technician
- 5. Calibration Technician (aka Instrumentation Technician)
- 6. Early Childhood Educator
- Pharmacy Technician

All registered with DAS (Division of Apprenticeship Standards)

El Camino College



- 1. CNC Operator Milling and Turning (aka Aerospace CNC Machining Technician
- 2. IT Lab Technician (aka Aerospace Electronics Technician)
- 3. Electromechanical Technician (aka Aerospace Electromechanical Technician)
- 4. Precision Machinist
- 5. Engine Operator (aka: Digital Video Editor)

All registered with DAS (Division of Apprenticeship Standards)

BRIC Foundation





- 1. Animator
- 2. Game Designer
- 3. Visual Effects Artist
- 4. Tech Artist
- 5. Storyboard Artist
- 6. Concept Artist
- 7. Background Artist
- 8. Digital FX Artist
- 9. Production Manager

^{*}Registered with DAS (Division of Apprenticeship Standards)

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U.S. Department of Labor

Employment and Training Administration 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20210



May 2, 2025

Mr. Jan Vogel
Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer
South Bay Workforce Investment Board
11539 Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 500
Hawthorne, CA 90250

Dear Mr. Vogel:

Enclosed is your revised Appendix A, for your National Standards of Apprenticeship to include the following occupations:

- 1. Production Technician (Existing Title: Bio-Manufacturing Technician)
- 2. Biomedical Maintenance Technician (Existing Title: Biomedical Equipment Technician)
- 3. Biomedical Maintenance Technician (Existing Title: Biomedical Equipment Technician)
- 4. Bio-Medical Quality Assurance Specialist (Existing Title: Inspector, Quality Assurance)
- 5. Cyber Intel Security Analyst (Existing Title: Cyber Security Support Technician,
- 6. Bio-Production Technician (Existing Title: Bio-Manufacturing Technician)
- Aircraft Interior Design and Upholstery Assembler/Installer (Existing Title: Industrial Sewing Machine Operator)
- 8. Clinical Laboratory Scientist (Existing Title: Medical-Laboratory Technician)
- 9. Bio-Medical Quality Technician (Existing Title: Microbiology Quality Control Tech)
- 10. Optics Manufacturing Technician (Existing Title: Optics Manufacturing Technician)
- 11. Electronic Assember (Existing Title: Assembler, Installer, General)
- 12. Facility Technician (Existing Title: Maintenance Repairer, Build)
- 13. Rf Assembler (Existing Title: Assembler, Installer, General)
- 14. Rf Technician (Existing Title: Industrial Manufacturing Technician)
- 15. Aerospace Systems Assembler (Existing Title: Assembler, Installer, General)
- 16. Aerospace Systems Technician (Existing Title: Industrial Manufacturing Technician)
- 17. Automotive Service Technician (Existing Title: Automotive Technician Specialist)
- 18. Substance Use Disorder Counselor (Existing Title: Certified Drug And Alcohol Counselor)
- 19. Facility Technician (Existing Occupation Title: Maintenance Repairer, Build)
- 20. Industrial Machine System Technician
- 21. Zero Waste Corps Member (Existing Title: Recylcing And Reclamation Worker)
- 22. Aerospace Manufacturing Engineer

The Office of Apprenticeship has found these National Standards of Apprenticeship to be in compliance with Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations parts 29 and 30.

We have enclosed a copy of the Appendix A to include this addition to your National Standards of Apprenticeship for your records.

We thank you for your efforts, and we value your commitment to the Registered Apprenticeship System.

Sincerely,

DougLass McPhesson
DOUGLASS MCPHERSON
Acting Director
Division of Standards and Quality
Office of Apprenticeship

SBWIB - National Apprenticeship Occupations

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SBWIB - DAS Apprenticeship Occupations

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- Aircraft Interior Design & Upholstery Assembler
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Optics Manufacturing Technician
- Bio Medical Quality Assurance Specialist
- Bio Medical Quality Assurance Specialist
- Aerospace Systems Assembler
- Aerospace Systems Technician



Partner, Sponsor, and Employer Offerings



El Camino College

- Markets to students to gain interest
- Collects applications/resumes and pre-screens
- Funding to NG for each enrollment into an apprenticeship (\$1,000 per student)
- 2-degree credits for students who complete pre-apprenticeship



South Bay Workforce Initiative / Aero-Flex

Employer Offerings:

- Assistance with program design and customization
- Marketing materials
- Participant tracking
- Funding to NG when enrolled in OTJ Training (\$5,000 per student)

Student Offerings:

- Stipend after completion (\$500)
- Certificate of Completion
- Industry association membership (SME)
- Industry-recognized, stackable credentials



Northrop Grumman

- Provides 1 instructor and 1 assistant
- Floorspace & materials
- 8 weeks of OJT hands on manufacturing projects, tours, guest speakers and interactions with engineers
- Potential job offer to students who complete preapprenticeship

Apprenticeship Providers

Are automatically eligible for the CA ETPL

Enrollments/graduates are not required for initial program approval

Continued Eligibility is not required

Local Areas cannot Manage in CalJOBS

Pre-Apprenticeship Programs

Do not have to be on the ETPL to receive WIOA Funds

Must meet the application criteria listed in the application for their organization structure

Must award an industry-recognized credential or certificate

Must also submit an MOU between their pre-apprenticeship programs and a DAS or DOL registered apprenticeship program

DOL or DAS approved standards for the apprenticeship program must be submitted

















What is an employer-centric model?



Scalability

Minimal changes to internal infrastructure

Little to no cost

Address needed soft skills

Move at the speed of business



Counties Serving:

- o Los Angeles
- o Orange
- o San Bernardino
- o Riverside
- o San Diego
- o Imperial
- o Ventura
- o Kern
- o San Luis Obispo
- o Santa Barbara

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THANKYOU!





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Paramedics 4 Equity (P4E) Program Update

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BACKGROUND

- BAHWP as Sectoral Lead
- AMR asks for help qualifying local talent

EMT pilot launched / The model we came to believe in

- Targeted Recruitment
- Financial & Academic Support
- Direct Job Placement
- Braided & Leveraged Funds
- Entry-level to Advancement





THE EMT MODEL

- Targeted Recruitment
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PARAMEDIC EXPANSION

- Understanding career advancement for EMT's
- Changing the dynamic for working EMT's
- Encouraged by DAS Chief Eric Rood to apply for SAEEI
- WDB secured ETP funds to leverage for training







IMPLEMENTATION

Goals (current)

- Register program with DOL/DAS (both complete)
- 50 apprentices w/ 3-month retention (73 at closeout)

Challenges

Expanded reporting / strict performance for pay





RA & Workforce Alignment: Idaho



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Overview of State Workforce & RA Systems



Idaho
Apprenticeship
Expansion

Idaho is an OA state



Funding Alignment

Personnel and expansion funding to support apprenticeships comes from both state and federal funding



WIOA Integration

WIOA alignment is currently in process





Key Alignment Practices

Idaho Apprenticeship Expansion

- 2016 2024
- **\$10 million** in federal funding
- Supported by:
 - 5 state agencies
 - 2 non-profits

Roles Identification and Coordination

- Apprenticeship Idaho Coalition
- Formed in 2020
- Goal: Align state resources and funding to expand apprenticeships

Milestone

- Fall 2024: Coalition positioned under the Idaho Workforce Development Council's Work-Based Learning Committee
- Fall 2024: First annual report published
- Early 2025: Strategic plan adopted





Idaho Apprenticeship Funding Committee

Outcomes/Successes

- 8+ Agencies that are part of the committee
- Convene to discuss funding streams
- Best Practices
- Braiding of Funding / No Overlap





WIOA Integration

Successes

American Job Center statewide Coordination (6 Location in Idaho)

- Focus on core WIOA program services: Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth
- Monthly partner meetings

Promote holistic support

education, training, career services, and wraparound supports

Braiding and aligned case management

• Example pathway: Work Experience → Pre-Apprenticeship → Registered Apprenticeship

Leverage Subject Matter Experts

Identify key SME's to support RA case management and assist local staff





Aligning for Success



Outcomes/Successes

Apprenticeship Idaho Partner Success

- 80% youth apprenticeship completion rate
- 65% completion rate for full-program apprentices (FY25)
- 3,000+ apprentices statewide (more than double since 2016)
- **1,900+** apprentices enrolled in FY25





Challenges & Recommendations

Challenges

- Growing number of partners engaged in apprenticeship efforts
- Limited and inconsistent funding
- Duplication of funding sources and efforts
- Challenges with consistent data collection and reporting
- Limited access and opportunities in rural communities
- Policy and regulatory barriers
- Low public awareness and understanding of apprenticeships



Recommendations

- Expand coordinated partnerships to align apprenticeship efforts across industries.
- Increase and stabilize funding through diversified state, federal, and private sources.
- Streamline funding processes to reduce duplication and overlap.
- **Develop a centralized data system** to improve collection and reporting.
- **Invest in rural outreach** and delivery models to expand access.
- Address policy gaps and barriers through targeted reform.
- Launch awareness campaigns to promote apprenticeship opportunities statewide.





Apprenticeship Idaho Coalition Strategic Plan

Strategic Goals

- Accessibility of Apprenticeships (Goal 1): Expand apprenticeships across Idaho to ensure apprenticeship opportunities are accessible to all Idahoans, including those in rural areas.
- Barriers and Policy Challenges (Goal 2): Develop and implement policy recommendations that support apprenticeship access and outcomes for all Idahoans.
- **Supportive Services (Goal 3):** Provide apprentices with comprehensive support to overcome barriers to participation and success.
- **Data Utilization (Goal 4):** Utilize data to drive decision-making, track progress, and measure program outcomes.
- **Funding (Goal 5):** Expand funding opportunities to support apprentices, employers, and partner sustainability.
- Awareness of Programs and Resources (Goal 6): Increase awareness and visibility of apprenticeship programs among employers, potential apprentices, and the general public.





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RA & Workforce Alignment: Arizona



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Overview of State Workforce & RA Systems





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Key Alignment Practices

Employers

- Strategic Business Service Model
- Demand-Driven Sector Partnerships
- Work-Based Learning (Registered Apprenticeship)
- Talent Pipeline Development
- Inclusive Hiring & Retention Support

Job Seeker

- Integrated Access
- Career Pathways & Training
- Supportive Services that Reduce Barriers to Employment
- Work-Based Learning Opportunities
- Shared Case Management & Data Systems

Workforce / Education Partners

- Shared Planning & Governance
- Coordinated Career Pathways
- Work-Based Learning Partnerships
- Joint Outreach & Engagement
- Resource Leveraging & Funding Alignment
- Professional Development & Capacity Building





Aligning for Success



Outcomes/Successes

- Driven steady growth in the number of registered apprenticeships and active apprentices
- Achieved full integration of Registered Apprenticeship (RA) into the workforce system
- Creation of RA pathways in non-traditional industries such as semiconductors and education (K-12 Teacher RA)
- Maricopa County leads nation in WIOA supported Registered Apprentices
- Established LWDB sponsorship of RA programs
- Strengthened regional collaboration among counties/LWDAs (CARAC)
- Aligned RA growth with local area strategic plans
- Expanded participation of underrepresented populations in RA





Challenges & Recommendations

Challenges

- Lack of Employer Engagement
- Local Area Capacity
- Funding
- Education Limitations



Recommendations

- Further communication, comprehensive support
- Support with LOS, grant writing





Future Priorities Goals Objectives

- More registered apprentices
- Increased engagement
- Grant opportunities
- Increased alignment
- Critical role in locates.
- Policies and legislation supporting growth and expansion of Registered Apprenticeship throughout the state
- More years 100 years of AZ Apprenticeship in 2041





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Take a Break

(2:40pm ET-3:00pm ET)







Facilitated Breakout Sessions





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- You will be assigned a breakout room for a 30-minute discussion
- Each room will have a state team rep and facilitator to help ensure the conversation is engaging.
- This is your time to ask questions, learn from your peers, and expand your apprenticeship network—take advantage of this opportunity!

Breakout Room	Safal Facilitator
#1	Melissa Schroeder
#2	Alan Dodkowitz





Break-Out Room Report-Outs





What's Next

Identify your state's opportunities to enhance alignment
Share today's insights with your teams and partners
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