



# **US DOL Registered Apprenticeship (RA) Center of Excellence: System Alignment and Strategic Partnerships Launch in California**

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# Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Snapshot of Apprenticeship in California
- Overview of USDOL RA TA Center of Excellence
- Overview of Today's Session
- RA Level Table Discussion and Report Out
- Working with the Center
- Closing



# Snapshot: Apprenticeship in California



Eric Rood, Chief  
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Doug Howell, California State  
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# USDOL RA TA Center of Excellence



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# Our Mission

**To build sustainable partnerships to support system alignment of the national workforce and education systems to accelerate Registered Apprenticeship (RA) adoption.**





# Our Work

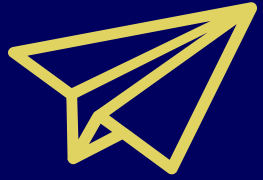
Our work will focus on three primary tasks:

- Providing Technical Assistance (TA) on a National Scope
- Engaging Key Stakeholders
- Coordinating with Federal and State Investments

We will draw on proven innovation and best practices at the local level, the Center to provide technical assistance on a national scale to:

- RA program sponsors
- State and local workforce boards
- American Job Center programs and operators
- Governors and other essential stakeholders driving state workforce and economic development policies





# The Center's Approach

- Identify and scale effective practices through a bottom-up, peer-to-peer, approach
- Beginning in 5 targeted states, expanding to a minimum of 5 more to curate and disseminate identified promising practices
- Disseminate resources and shared technical assistance nationwide





# Initial Partners

## National Partners

- National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP)
- FASTPORT
- Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA)
- Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE)
- National Disability Institute (NDI)

## State Lead Partners

- California Workforce Association
- Iowa Workforce Development
- Missouri Office of Workforce Development and State Workforce Development Board
- North Carolina Association of Workforce Development Boards
- Texas Workforce Commission







# Center's Work Will Include. . .

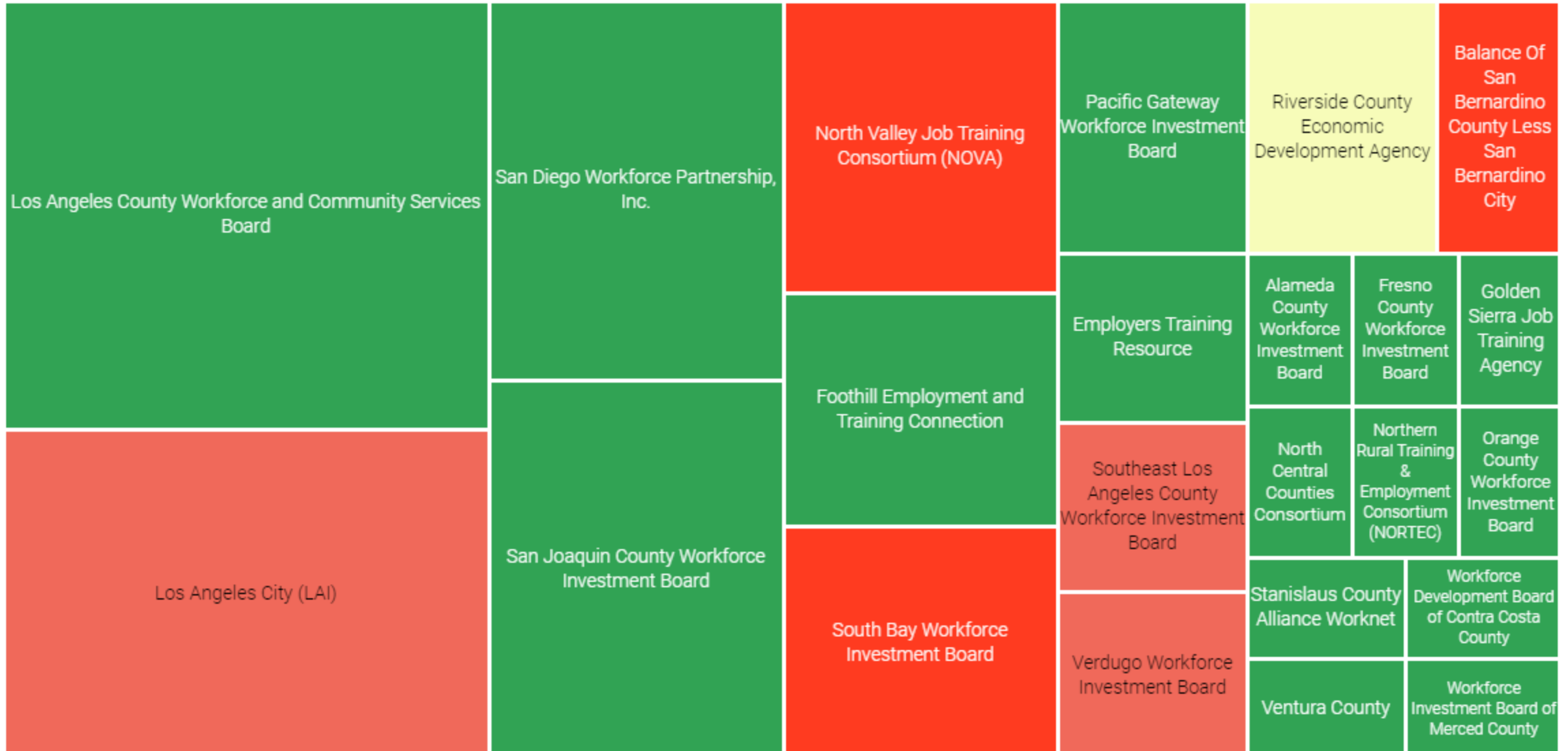
- ✓ Facilitating **partnership building** and connectivity across workforce systems
- ✓ Supporting **new RA Program (RAP) development**
- ✓ Creating **pipelines** (i.e., pre-apprenticeship models, career pathways)
- ✓ **Providing TA** on RAP models, WIOA co-enrollment
- ✓ Accelerating **integrated service delivery**
- ✓ **Informing new policies and programs** to support RAP integration



## Performance and Impact for Employment Q2 Adult

## Locations /All Locations

## Locations - Level 1 /CA



# Overview of Today's Session



**Lisa Rice**  
SME and Workforce Liaison





# Table Discussions

- ✓ Table Sign in Sheet
- ✓ Questions at the QR code or the sheet at your table
- ✓ Designate a table note taker
- ✓ Designate someone to report out





# Table Discussion Questions

## Just Getting Started Table



## On Our Way Table



## RA Leaders Table





# Report Out

## At your table...

- ☐ what challenges did you identify?
- ☐ what Technical Assistance (TA) ideas did you come up with?
- ☐ what type of partnerships would help increase success?

## Bringing content back to your colleagues...

- ☒ Fill out with your own ideas
- ☒ Set a deadline for yourself
- ☒ Share with others





# Next Steps: Working with the Center

**Become a Center  
Partner**



- ✓ **Become a Center Partner**
- ✓ **Request TA**
- ✓ **Visit our website**
- ✓ **Look for announcement about regional in-person meetings**



# Thank You

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