



Shrinking Apprenticeship Alignment Gaps



Our Mission

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



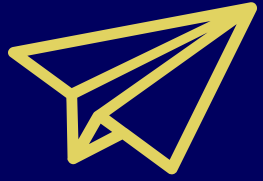
Our Work

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

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



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



Listening Sessions: What We Heard

1. OA vs SAA – what does it mean?
2. Who is my Point of Contact for apprenticeship questions?
3. How do we communicate the benefits of apprenticeship to employers?
4. What is allowable with WIOA funding with Registered Apprenticeship (RA)?
5. How does ETPL work with RA?
6. How do I know if there is a RA program in my area?



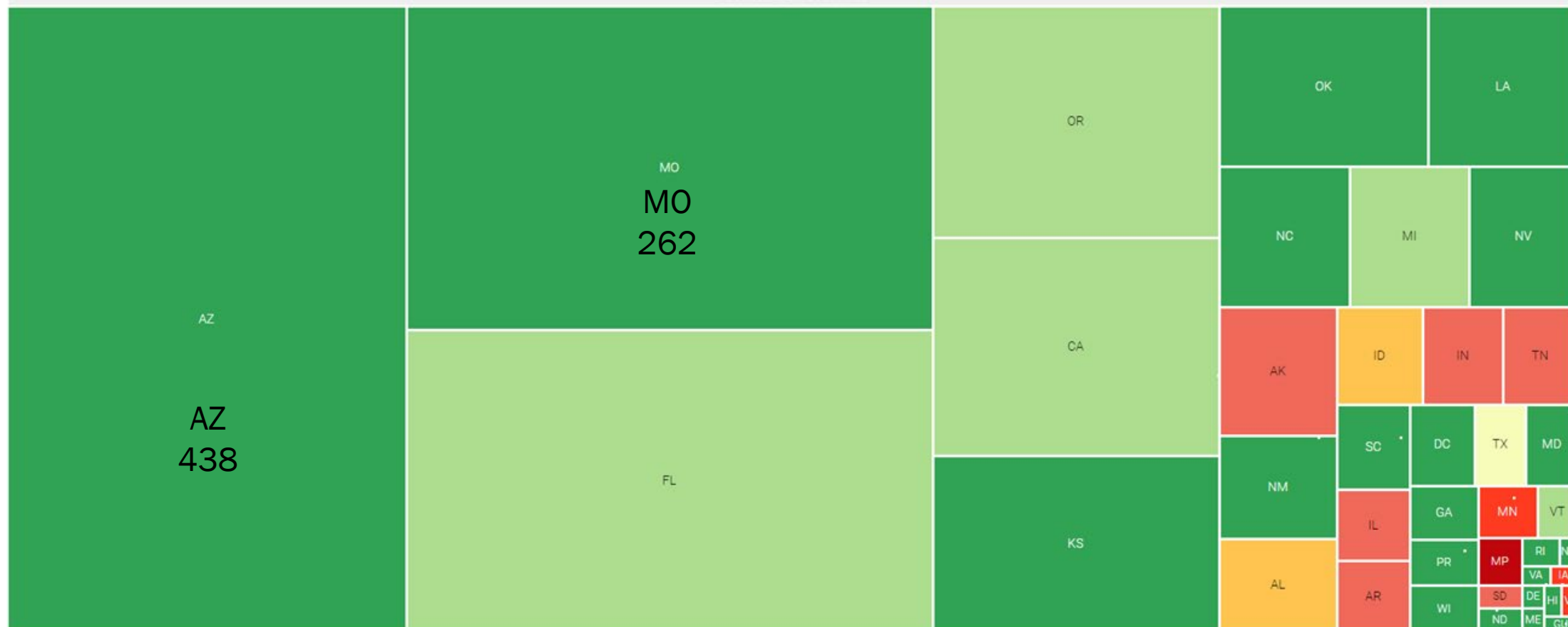
What the Data Told Us

As of 6/30/2021 – Enrolled in RA

Performance and Impact for Employment Q2 Adult



Locations / All Locations



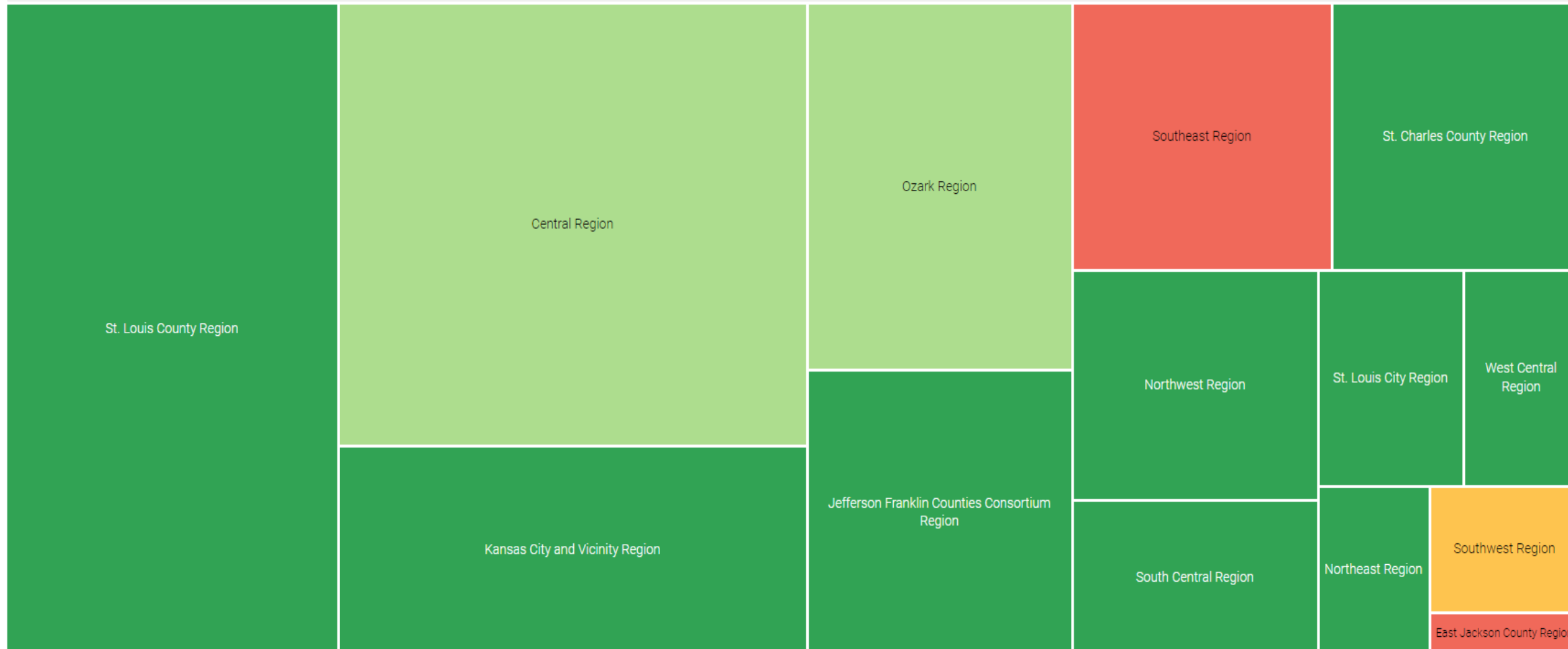


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Locations - Level 1 /MO





What We Have Done With This Info



- ✓ Continued the 30 Minutes of Excellence focused on RA
- ✓ Monthly webinars on all RA topics -
<https://www.nawdp.org/page/OnlineLearning>
- ✓ May 12, 1-2 PM CDT - Employer Engagement Topic
- ✓ Interviews with **Business Services representatives** in 5 key states
- ✓ **Call for Best Practices** regarding RA
- ✓ **Center Website**



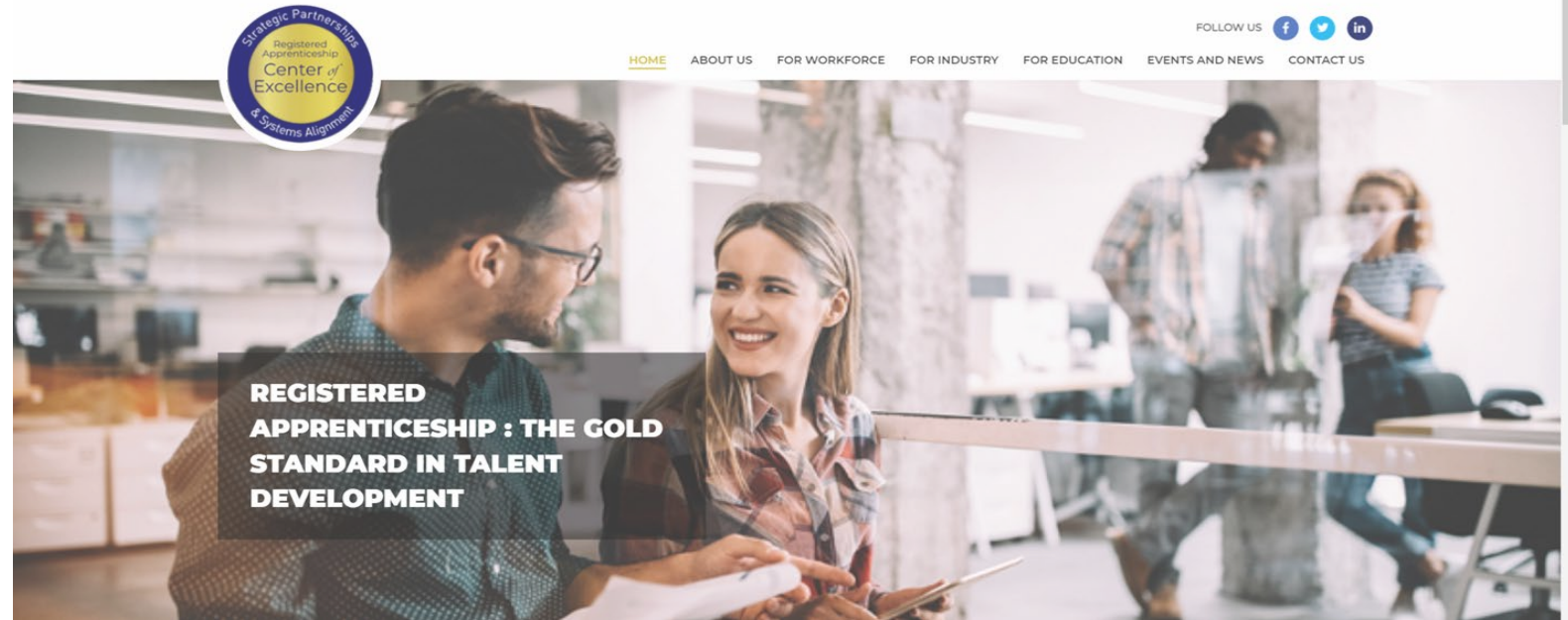
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Center Website



Center Website –
Workforce Page
Sign up to be a Partner



Outreach to Business on
Apprenticeship



Request TA





Tell Us. . .

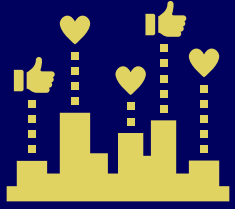
- ☒ What works for you with RA?
- ☒ What could be improved, streamlined, or implemented to make RA easier?
- ☒ What questions do you have about RA?
- ☒ Anything else on your mind?



What's Next?

- **Best Practice Awarded in May at NAWDP Annual Conference**
- **Series of Workshops around the State – Fall 2022**
- **Workforce Services Technical Assistance Collaborative – Next Level Lab (Summer 2022)**





What We Need From You

- Participate in our landscape assessments – be brutally honest
- Participate in discussions about policy changes that would make RA better in your area
- Attendance at CoE webinars, podcasts, live events
- Action on the ground to increase the number of WIOA funded customers entering RAPs
- *Call for Best Practices* - Promising and proven practices at the local level to scale nationally
 - An opportunity for LWDBs to be recognized at the national level – Award presentation/ceremony



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