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The Big Picture

Mission

The RA TA Center of Excellence will provide assistance on national scale to accelerate adoption and integration of registered apprenticeship with workforce and education systems.

Approach

Identifying and scaling effective practices through a bottom-up, peer-to-peer, approach starting in 5 targeted states, expanding to a minimum of 5 more within 4 years and disseminating resources and assistance nationwide.



What is the state of apprenticeship today?





USDOL's significant investment in **expanding RAP opportunities nationwide** is paying off:

- → New Apprentices Enrolled 845,000 new apprentices since 2017
- → Exponential Growth
 Achieved growth rate of 83% since 2010
- → Employer Engagement Creating 13,420 new RAPs in last 5 years



States Following Suit

More than **30 states now make strategic investments** in employer-based registered apprenticeship development through:

- → Tax Credits
- → Wage Support
- → Tuition Subsidies
- → Training/Equipment Cost Reimbursement



Challenges Exist

To accelerate adoption of apprenticeship, it must be **better aligned with our workforce and education systems**. Our findings reveal **significant hurdles** including:

- → Low levels of WIOA coenrollment/funding integration
- → Lack of industry-validated models for secondary and post-secondary programs
- → Lack of streamlined processes at state and national level for apprenticeship with other programs



How will USDOL RA TA Centers of Excellence work?





USDOL is focusing investment on a national level to increase assistance services for registered apprenticeship program (RAP) stakeholders in 3 critical areas:

- → Strategic Partnerships & System Alignment
- → Apprenticeship Occupations and Standards
- → Data and Performance and Best Practices





USDOL RATA Strategic Partnerships and System Alignment Center of Excellence





USDOL has developed the RA TA COE to accelerate and modernize apprenticeship expansion through 4 primary areas of focus:

- → Developing Sustainable Partnerships for Workforce | Education | Employer Alignment
- → Providing TA on a National Scope
- → Engaging Key Stakeholders
- → Coordinating with Federal and State Investments





Five National Partners



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Five Initial States





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



Safal Partners, NAWDP and CWA are teaming up to provide CWA and **NAWDP** members with unique TA services and opportunities.



Benefits of Participating

- → Opportunity to share best practices and work findings
- → Access to specialized, no-cost TA for staff
- → Receiving customizable tools and training
- → Online community of practice and peerto-peer training



Let's talk.









Join Us!

For more information on the USDOL RA TA COE and to join our California COE Community of Practice email:

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