



## 1. Mental Health within Native Communities

***Starting November 1<sup>st</sup>, a virtual four-part dialogue series will commence that addresses multiple topics that impact employment for American Indians and Alaska Natives.*** The webinar will be hosted by the White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Native Americans and Strengthening Tribal Colleges and Universities (WHI TCU), along with the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Education. [Watch here!](#)

***The first dialogue will focus on employment opportunities for American Indians and Alaska Natives individuals with mental health conditions.*** This virtual dialogue offers perspectives from Native people who have navigated mental health conditions and/or substance abuse disorders while also seeking employment. Three American Indian/Alaska Natives will share their journey and strategies that they found beneficial along their pathway to employment. Their experiences will be combined with evidence-based strategies that can promote employment for Native individuals.

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## 2. National Apprenticeship Week

**It's officially November, which means we're looking forward to celebrating National Apprenticeship Week! [Find resources and events here.](#)**

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## 3. New Perkins Data

**In October, OCTAE released new information from the annual State performance reports for Perkins V Program Year 2020-2021. The [website](#) includes:**

- A national summary of performance
- State determined performance levels

- State levels of performance achieved for all CTE concentrators
- Definitions of numerators & denominators for core indicators of performance
- Disaggregated data for each of the student subgroups

The disaggregated data casts a bright spotlight on student success in CTE, helping states, local educational agencies, and institutions of higher education to identify equity gaps. PY 2020–21 is the first year of state performance reporting under Perkins V. Check out the data [here!](#)

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## 4. DOL Nursing Funding Opportunity

**The Department of Labor has announced the availability of \$80 million under the Nursing Expansion Funding Opportunity Announcement.** This grant will fund programs that address bottlenecks in training the U.S. nursing workforce and expand and diversify the pipeline of qualified nursing professionals through two training tracks 1) Nurse Education Professional Track; and 2) Nursing Career Pathways Track.

- Applications due by January 6, 2023, on [grants.gov](#)
  - Eligible applicants include nonprofit industry associations, community-based organizations, education/training providers, and community colleges
  - For more information, view the [Fact Sheet](#) and [Funding Opportunity Announcement](#)
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## 5. WIOA Youth Program Eligibility

**Determining whether youth are eligible to participate in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) youth program involves multiple factors** including age, school status, barriers to employment, and others. The resources on this page will help youth program practitioners, workforce development boards, partner organizations, and others better understand the eligibility requirements for the youth program.

**If you are new to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) youth program, or would like to refresh your understanding of the eligibility requirements:**

- Watch the webinar [WIOA Youth Eligibility Live Question and Answer Session](#)
- Read the [WIOA Youth Program Fact Sheet](#) for an overview of the youth program, including the definitions of eligibility for out-of-school and in-school youth
- Read this [Desk Reference](#) that provides brief information on WIOA youth eligibility requirements

Watch these short webcasts on eligibility requirements:

- [Out-of-School Youth Eligibility](#)
  - [In-School Youth Eligibility](#)
  - [Definition of School and School Status Timing](#)
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## 6. CHIPS

**This fall the Department of Commerce released its strategy to implement legislation that will catalyze long-term growth in the U.S. semiconductor industry.** Among the strategy's four goals, Commerce includes growing a diverse semiconductor workforce and building strong communities within the industry. Read the Strategy for the CHIPS for America Fund: Summary & Full version. An [executive summary](#) of the strategy is available. The full strategy paper can be downloaded [here](#). The Program's guiding principles can be viewed on the Department's recently launched [CHIPS.gov](#).

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## 7. SNAP Employment & Training

**The USDA Food and Nutrition Service is investing \$6.5 million to improve access and equity in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (SNAP E&T).** The USDA is providing nearly \$3 million in grants to community colleges to expand the availability of SNAP E&T programs, and nearly \$3.5 million in additional funds to state agencies to strengthen E&T program data collection. These moves are part of a larger commitment to advance equity and improve access to SNAP E&T programs nationwide. [Read the press release!](#)

- [What is SNAP E&T?](#) It helps connect SNAP participants who can work with the skills, training and work experience needed to obtain and maintain regular employment.
  - [SNAP E&T In Action:](#) Watch this video series highlighting participant success
  - [Register Here!](#) Join the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual National Forum December 13-14<sup>th</sup>, 2022
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## 8. U.S. Strategy for Manufacturing Talent Pipeline

***On National Manufacturing Day, the White House released the [National Strategy for Advanced Manufacturing](#).*** Manufacturing drives America's economy and national security. To help the United States remain a global leader, the Biden-Harris administration is focused on efforts that revitalize the manufacturing sector, build strong U.S. supply chains, and train the workforce that will secure our global economic position. This strategy outlines a vision for the U.S. to lead in advanced manufacturing — to grow the economy, create jobs, enhance environmental sustainability, address climate change, ensure national security and improve health care. Read the [announcement](#).

***Through collaboration across the public and private sectors, the following goals will be pursued:***

- Develop and implement advanced manufacturing technologies
  - Grow the advanced manufacturing workforce
  - Build resilience into manufacturing supply chains and ecosystems
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## **9. Pathways to Infrastructure Careers**

***On October 21st, the U.S. Department of Labor released a [Training & Employment Notice \(TEN\)](#) on building pathways to infrastructure careers*** that provides a framework for preparing an infrastructure workforce. The TEN is intended to promote a framework for all workforce stakeholders, including infrastructure project leads, to engage the public workforce system in implementing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law with strong workforce commitments and proven strategies that produce high-quality education, training, and employment opportunities for all workers. [Read the notice here!](#)

***The 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) creates a historic investment in our nation's aging infrastructure.*** [Read the White House overview of BIL.](#)

- BIL will create millions of good-paying jobs, expanding the middle class
- BIL includes \$800+ million in dedicated investments for workforce development
- BIL investments will provide workers with the training & skills to access quality jobs

