

Happy March!

And here's to the women as we celebrate Women's History Month. Also for you in this issue: a webinar series and this month's featured Community of Practice (CoP).

March: Women's History Month

Each March, the United States observes Women's History Month, which is dedicated to the contributions that women have made to this nation over the years.

Earlier this month, U.S. Secretary of Labor R. Alexander Acosta said the following:

Women's History Month provides an opportunity for Americans to learn more about pioneering women who have shaped our nation—from trailblazers to quiet heroes. Through the hard work of previous generations of women, American women today are leaders in all aspects of our national life. As we honor the legacy of women in American history, we continue our efforts to ensure that American women have access to good, family-sustaining jobs.

If you're jonesing to join the celebration this month, we encourage you to consider checking out the resources below:

- Last year, the U.S. Department of Labor blog featured [this piece \(and some groovy infographics\)](#) on statistics and working women.
 - The U.S. Department of Labor's Women's Bureau has a [Working Women's Clearinghouse](#), which is a central and searchable repository of Federal Government resources, tools, and publications of interest to women.
 - The Women's Bureau also put together [a slideshow highlighting some of African American women's contributions during World War II](#) as part of 2018's celebration of African American History Month—2018's theme for African American History Month was African Americans in Times of War.
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Innovations Leading to Career Success Webinar Series

This webinar series showcases strategies and resources of broad interest to community colleges and others engaged in career-focused education and training. [Register now](#) for upcoming webinars (one happens today, March 14, and four others will follow) on career pathways, developmental education using competency-based education, affordable learning solutions, sustaining innovation, and apprenticeship.

Community of Practice Spotlight: YouthBuild

This month, the WorkforceGPS Team would like to introduce you to the YouthBuild CoP—an electronic space where grantees can share and review documents, exchange ideas with their peers nationwide, read and comment on blogs, and much more. This online environment fosters continued collaboration and problem solving before and after trainings, conferences, and webinars; grantees can support each other in

implementing successful programs, sharing tools, and fostering partnerships.

YouthBuild programs give at-risk youth ages 16-24 the opportunity to transform their lives by earning their high school diploma or state-recognized equivalency degree, learning to be community leaders, and preparing for college and other post-secondary training opportunities. These programs provide occupational skills training in construction and other in-demand industries and include a focus on increasing the supply of low-income housing in their local communities. By providing low-income young people with both education and occupational skills training leading to industry-recognized, as well as the opportunity for community, YouthBuild programs can help disenfranchised youth to become successful adults. YouthBuild also presents a unique pathway to pursue an [apprenticeship](#); for more on this partnership, [check out YouthBuild's blog](#).

To visit this CoP, click [here](#).

That's all for this month, folks, but stay tuned as WorkforceGPS prepares to turn two next month.

Stay Kind!

Featured Content

- [Expanding Apprenticeship for Women](#): Whether working traditionally blue-collar jobs, or any of the more recently apprenticeable fields such as tech or healthcare, women are bringing a lot to the table.
 - [One-Stops and American Job Centers - Other Key TA Resources](#): The One-Stops and American Job Centers - Other Key TA Resources page provides a
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collection of key resources, technical assistance tools, and promising practice for operationalizing the one-stop delivery system under Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

- [Disability Technical Assistance Videos](#): Tired of reading documents and reports? These videos can help you learn about disability employment issues as well as humanize the work we do to help connect the pieces. With Oscar award season now here, ETA has rolled out its own red carpet so we can share with you videos to support our everyday work. So sit back, relax, and enjoy these 10 short informative videos covering a diverse range of disability topics.
- [Four Ways to Increase the Value of Short-Term Credentials: A Guide for Community Colleges](#): Jobs for the Future created this "Guide for Community Colleges," stating: Low-income young adults seeking to advance in today's economy can often benefit from alternative education credentials that prepare them for good jobs. However, community colleges don't always make the case to employers that these credentials align with employer demand.

Upcoming Events

- March 14, 2018: [Scaling Career Pathways in Wisconsin](#)
 - March 28, 2018: [WIOA Wednesday: Integrating Partners' Programs in Your Comprehensive American Job Centers](#)
 - March 28, 2018: [Resources for Developmental Education Using Competency-Based Education](#)
 - April 04, 2018: [WIOA Wednesday: Using the Statistical Adjustment Model for Negotiating WIOA Performance Levels](#)
 - April 11, 2018: [Lowering the Cost of Course Materials with Free and Open Educational Resources](#)
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- May 02, 2018: [Sustaining Grant-funded Projects for Long-term Success](#)
- May 16, 2018: [Free Resources for Apprenticeship & Work-based Learning](#)

Recent Events

- [Make Industry Experts into Expert Instructors to Increase Student Success](#): February 28, 2018

Thank You!

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The WorkforceGPS Team

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