

# Career Pathways Exchange

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## Resources

### [Rethinking Credential Requirements in Early Education: Equity-based Strategies for Professionalizing a Vulnerable Workforce](#)

*New America, June 2017*

Studies show that professionally trained educators outperform workers with little or no formal training. However, a college degree—including an associate’s degree—is time-consuming and expensive, especially for workers who generally make less than \$25,000 a year. [Rethinking Credential Requirements in Early Education: Equity-Based Strategies for Professionalizing a Vulnerable Workforce](#) explores the debate around degree requirements for early educators and recommends apprenticeships as a more equitable and affordable approach.

#### **DON'T MISS THIS!**

Learn how a centuries-old education model that combines paid, on-the-job learning with related classroom instruction has gained acceptance in today’s fields like healthcare, information technology, finance, and early childhood education.

### [Creating Paths to Employment for Opportunity Youth Toolkit](#)

*Jobs for the Future and the Aspen Forum for Community Solutions*

Youth who are disconnected from both education and work are seeking paths to employment and career advancement. At the same time, employers are struggling to find talent for open positions. Tackling these challenges requires partnerships between community-based organizations, employers, organizations and other key stakeholders.

The [Creating Paths to Employment for Opportunity Youth Toolkit](#) is designed to help these partners work together to support career paths for youth.

### **DON'T MISS THIS!**

Employers looking to recruit and train the workforce of tomorrow can find information on how to meet their goals through partnerships and learn innovative approaches to improving talent retention. Leaders of community-based organizations and other stakeholders will learn how to understand the regional labor market, engage employers, build cross-sector partnerships, and develop a community strategy to increase employment opportunities.

## ***Announcements***

### **[Jobs for the Future and Persistence Plus to Help Students Complete Community College and Earn STEM Degrees](#)**

Jobs for the Future (JFF) and Persistence Plus launched [Nudging to STEM Success](#), an initiative funded by the Helmsley Charitable Trust that leverages behavioral science and mobile technology to increase community college completion. Students receive "nudges" over text message to help them navigate college and excel in STEM fields. Half of all STEM occupations are available to workers with less than a bachelor's degree, offering a pathway for the low-income students who enroll disproportionately at community colleges. Emerging evidence shows that "nudges" can help more students stay in college.

## ***Events***

### **[The Best \(and Worst\) Colleges for Adults](#)**

September 14, 2017

Washington, DC

[Register here!](#)

### **[Advancing Pathways to Education and Workforce Opportunities for Systems-Involved Youth](#)**

September 25, 2017

Washington, DC

[Register here!](#)

**[Association for Career and Technical Education \(ACTE\) Conference: Best Practices and Innovations Conference 2017](#)**

September 27-29, 2017

Albuquerque, NM

[Register here!](#)

**[National Council for Workforce Education \(NCWE\) 2017 Conference: The Future of Workforce Education Leading, Engaging, and Transforming](#)**

October 25-26, 2017

Salt Lake City, UT

[Register here!](#)

**[National Career Pathways Network \(NCPN\) 2017 Conference](#)**

October 26-27, 2017

St. Louis, MO

[Register here!](#)

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