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February Focus: Sector Strategies

Sector strategies - regional, industry-focused approaches to building skilled workforces - are one of the most effective ways to align public and private resources to address the talent needs of employers. Sector strategies have a dual purpose: they help improve employment opportunities for job seekers while at the same time improve competitiveness of industries. Throughout the month of February, we will feature resources and examples of successful sector approaches.

Last year, the U.S. Department of Labor YouthBuild Office released a [Sector Strategy How-to Guide](#), which aims to support YouthBuild grantees with using a sector strategy approach for career pathway development. A few years ago, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) produced a framework for how workforce organizations can implement strong sector approaches. The resources aligned with this [framework](#) are still useful and new resources have been developed since then and these resources and studies will be highlighted in the coming weeks on WorkforceGPS.

Access and Equity in the Workforce Development System



The LEAD Center released a brief on [Increasing Access and Equity Within the Workforce Development System](#). This brief examines promising employment practices, strategies and resources for workforce staff and their partners to support all people with disabilities, including those from historically marginalized communities.

Adapting to Change: COVID-19 and the Economic Recovery

While the COVID-19 pandemic and the related economic downturn brought challenges to the workforce system, these events acted as catalysts for changes in service delivery strategies used to support recovery and ensure equitable opportunities for all. Find out more about the impact of the pandemic, the vision for an equitable recovery, and current strategies used by the workforce system to help workers enter or re-enter the workforce in these resources on [Workforce System Strategies](#).



- [COVID-19's Impact on the Labor Market in 2020](#)
- [Vision For An Equitable Economic Recovery](#)
- [Strategies for Workforce Recovery in Response to the Current Crisis](#)

New Feature: Saving WorkforceGPS Content



WorkforceGPS has implemented a way for you to save content so that you may easily access it any time. Once you have found a piece of content that you would like to save, on the left side of the page beneath the content image, you will see four options. You can like the content, share the content, print the content, and save the content. If at any point the content is no longer relevant to you, you can always remove the content by clicking the “remove” button to the right of the content title. A very brief [video](#) describing this new feature is available on the WorkforceGPS [help page](#), along with several other support tutorials on how to maximize all of the features of WorkforceGPS. If you experience any issues, you may also contact support at: support@workforcegps.org.

FEATURED CONTENT

JANUARY 07, 2022

[Compendium of Innovative Practices: Adult Ed Bridge and IET Programs](#)

OCTOBER 25, 2021

[COVID 19 Rapid Response Report from the Field](#)

JANUARY 04, 2022

[Policy Councils: Building a Culture of Leadership](#)

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[National Health Emergency \(NHE\) Grants: Case Studies](#)

DECEMBER 01, 2021

[Suddenly Virtual: Workforce Services, Eight Weeks Later](#)

JANUARY 20, 2021

[SWFI Bright Ideas: Adjusting Operations in a Public Health Emergency](#)

UPCOMING PUBLIC EVENTS

FEBRUARY 15, 2022

[National Skills Coalition's Skills Summit 2022!](#)

FEBRUARY 15, 2022

[Career Assessment Toolkit](#)

APRIL 11, 2022

[The Forum - Sponsored by NAWB](#)

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