

# Career Pathways Exchange

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## Resources

### [New Evidence on Integrated Career Pathways](#)

*Urban Institute, The George Washington University, June 2017*

The Accelerating Opportunity (AO) initiative, designed and led by Jobs for the Future (JFF) and national partners, was developed to provide adults without high school credentials the opportunity to concurrently enroll in integrated career pathway programs at community and technical colleges. This final report demonstrates the effect that AO had on educational and employment outcomes of adult learners in Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, and Louisiana.

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

Among the four outcomes observed, the quasi-experimental impact analysis found that **AO students attained more credentials while taking fewer college credits** compared to adult education students who did not participate in AO.

### [Raising the Bar: State Strategies for Developing and Approving High-quality Career Pathways](#)

## ***Advance CTE, April 2017***

As pressure increases for K-12 education systems to provide college and career readiness to students, the demand for high-quality career pathways programs continues to grow. Although all states have processes in place to review and approve career pathways, not all processes are used to promote and uphold quality standards. This report demonstrates how states can use the career pathways approval process to raise the level of quality across their state so that all students can benefit from high-quality career pathways.

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

Using career pathway successes from **Tennessee, New Jersey, and Delaware**, the report suggests that

- All relevant stakeholders should contribute to the approval process;
- Career pathways approval should be driven by regional and state economic needs; and
- Linkages to postsecondary and workforce opportunities should be prioritized.

## ***Announcements***

### **Register for the Advancing Career Pathways Regional Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia!**

The Advancing Career Pathways project will be hosting a Regional Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on **July 27, 2017**, to support states in furthering the development and implementation of a statewide career pathways system!

The meeting will be a daylong, facilitated working meeting. **As part of a state team**, you will participate in planning sessions focused on partnership development, capacity building, networking, and strategic planning. State teams will walk away with tools and resources needed to empower career pathways systems change. State teams will also have the opportunity to learn about other approaches state leaders have used to overcome common barriers to career pathways systems development.

We invite states to attend as a team representing key aspects of their state's career pathways system. We highly encourage CTE leaders and state staff to participate and act as a designated point of contact once the team is assembled.

For hotel and travel information, please visit the [Advancing Career Pathways Regional Meeting website](#).

[Agenda & Registration](#)

[Listen to Meeting Description](#)

## **Social Finance and Jobs for the Future Announce Results of the *Catalyzing Career and Technical Education through Pay for Success* Competition**

Last week Social Finance and Jobs for the Future (JFF) announced selected sites of their national competition, *Catalyzing Career and Technical Education through Pay for Success*. Selected sites will be partners in creating the nation's first-ever Pay for Success projects in K-12 and CTE education. Social Finance and JFF will help them create or expand CTE programming for high-need, underserved youth, as well as work with them to identify private investors to fund the CTE programs and assist in project development. Pay for Success projects typically span four to six years, allowing programs to measure long-term impacts. [Read more here](#).

## ***Events***

### [Advancing Career Pathways Regional Meeting in Atlanta, GA](#)

July 27, 2017

8:00 am - 4:00 pm ET

Atlanta, GA

[Register here!](#)

### [Best Practices and Innovations Conference 2017](#)

September 27-29, 2017

Albuquerque, NM

[Register here!](#)

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

October 26-27, 2017

St. Louis, MO

[Register here!](#)

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