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## National Skills Coalition, New America and partners move Apprenticeship Forward

On May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, National Skills Coalition and New America, along with seven other



organizations and in consultation with the U.S. Departments of Education and Labor, brought together 600 leaders from the apprenticeship community at [Apprenticeship Forward](#). This event was a first of its kind convening, intended to continue the momentum around expanding apprenticeship in the U.S. It focused on three critical challenges facing this expansion: increasing industry engagement across a range of sectors and firms; addressing equity issues while diversifying the apprenticeship pipeline; and implementing new public policies that can support industry's taking apprenticeship to scale. Learn more about *Apprenticeship Forward* [here](#).

## Getting to five million apprentices

NSC's new brief, [Getting to Five Million](#)

[Apprentices](#), is a set of policy recommendations drawn from our [Skills for Good](#)

[Jobs Agenda](#), designed to be a guide for the Trump Administration's apprenticeship efforts. It's an aggressive, five-point plan with a goal of developing one working apprentice for every 4 college students.



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## National Skills Coalition hosts first Southern States

### Convening on Skills Policies

On May 8, nearly 40 state and national workforce leaders gathered in Atlanta, GA to



take part in National Skills Coalition's Southern States Convening on Skills Policies. The event, co-hosted with [Atlanta CareerRise](#), [Georgia Budget and Policy Institute](#), and [Metro Atlanta Chamber](#), provided a forum for cross-state sharing on skills policies and practical strategies for moving them forward in southern states. Partners from Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee participated. Together, participants represented policy and research organizations, community colleges, funder collaboratives, business associations, and workforce practitioners, as well as national organizations and foundations working in the South. Read more about the event [here](#).

*Nevada Appeal*, 5.5.17

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## PARTNER RESOURCES

Portland Community College is hiring a [Statewide Career Pathways Director](#) to lead the Oregon Pathways Alliance for Oregon's community colleges. Please help us get the word out to your networks.

New York City Employment and Training Coalition is looking for an [Executive Director](#) who can lead the organization to the next level and navigate the challenges and changes in the field that are currently in motion.

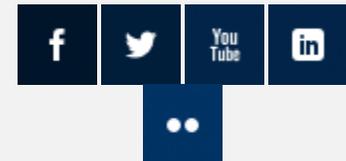
## NSC releases fifty-state scan of state work-based learning policies

Thirty-five states have policies in place that support apprenticeship and other kinds



of work-based learning, according to a new NSC scan of all fifty states and the District of Columbia. The scan explains each type of work-based learning policy, identifies which states have work-based learning policies in place (including descriptions of those policies) and reveals which states have opportunities to adopt new policies. In the fall, NSC will release a work-based learning policy toolkit designed to help states that don't yet have work-based learning policies implement them. Read more [here](#).

## CONNECT WITH US



**Trump FY 2018 budget slashes funding for key workforce, education, human services programs**

This morning, the Trump Administration released the



President’s detailed budget proposals for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, calling for dramatic cuts to a range of federal agencies, including steep reductions in funding for key workforce, education, and human services programs. At a time when millions of U.S. workers are seeking the skills and credentials to get and keep family-supporting jobs – and when U.S. businesses are struggling to find qualified individuals to keep up with demand – such significant reductions in federal workforce, education, and human services programs will make our nation less competitive in the global economy. Read the [full analysis](#) in our blog.

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**Congress takes action on key workforce legislation**

On May 16, Senate and House Democrats [introduced](#) the Pell Grant Preservation and Expansion



Act. The legislation would amend the Higher Education Act (HEA) by supporting the expansion of Pell grants to improve rates of access, affordability and completion in postsecondary education programs. Representatives Scott (D-VA) and Davis (D-CA) introduced the House corollary of the bill, and Senators Hirono (D-HI) and Murray (D-WA) introduced the [Senate version](#).

Earlier this month, the House Education and Workforce Committee today introduced the [“Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act,”](#) a bill to reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act through Fiscal Year (FY) 2022. It is a bipartisan effort, introduced by Reps. Glenn “GT” Thompson (R-PA) and Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL). The legislation

includes several changes to current law [supported](#) by National Skills Coalition, such as provisions to align postsecondary outcome measures with performance indicators under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), and to strengthen alignment between WIOA and Perkins state planning efforts. Read more in [our blog](#).

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**Leadership  
Spotlight:  
Chaer Robert**

This month we shine the spotlight on Chaer Robert from the Colorado Center on Law and



Policy. In the interview, Chaer shares her take on student access to information about education options, her experience leading Colorado Skills2Compete, and what she's learned from her work in the field. Read the spotlight [here](#).

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**Welcome Rachel Hirsch!**

[Rachel](#), NSC's new State Network Manager, supports the development and promotion of a network of state coalitions working to advance policies that support industry engagement, skills equity, public accountability, and job-driven investment in coordination with NSC staff, national partners, and coalition leaders. She joined NSC in 2016 as an intern and later as a Policy Fellow.



**Work with us!**

NSC is seeking an Upskilling Policy Analyst to join our team. This position supports NSC's immigrant integration policy work as well as our broader skills equity agenda, which



advances policies that enable a wide spectrum of adults who lack basic skills such as English or math to access upskilling opportunities that lead to family-wage jobs. Read the full job announcement [here](#).

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## On the road with NSC

- CEO Andy Van Kleunen and Federal Policy Director Kermit Kaleba took part in high-level meeting with national corporate and labor leaders, convened by Dow Chemical, to develop recommendations for White House policies on apprenticeship within U.S. manufacturing in Washington, D.C.
  - Andy also [gave a presentation](#) to 150 business members of the Greater Reading Chamber and Economic Development Corporation about the role for small businesses in shaping federal workforce policy in Pennsylvania.
  - He also facilitated a panel on workforce opportunity for media and shareholders at [Walmart's annual shareholders meeting](#) in Bentonville, A.R.
  - Kermit participated in a panel on federal workforce and education developments for the [Huntsville Alabama Chamber of Commerce](#) in Washington, D.C.
  - Kermit also participated in a panel looking at the role of CTE in Higher Education Act reauthorization as part of the [AdvanceCTE spring meeting](#) in Washington, D.C.
  - State Network Director Brooke DeRenzis gave a keynote speech and participated in a panel discussion on skills policies at the [Missouri Community College Association's Trustee and Executive Leadership Conference](#).
  - Director of Upskilling Policy Amanda Bergson-Shilcock was a presenter on a webinar hosted by the [Literacy Funders Network](#). Amanda's presentation focused on federal adult education policy and funding.
  - WDQC Director Rachel Zinn spoke about measuring work-based learning at a [College & Career Readiness & Success Center](#) workshop in Arlington, Virginia, for state leaders.
  - WDQC Policy Analyst Jenna Leventoff spoke at a plenary session at the [Hawaii DXP 2017 Data Summit: Ho'oku'i: Connecting Education to Hawaii's Economy](#). Her address included an overview of national progress toward ideal state data systems, an explanation of best data practices, and information about how federal laws are encouraging alignment between education and the workforce.
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