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President Trump calls for expanding apprenticeship

This month, President Trump signed an Executive Order calling for the expansion of apprenticeship.



The proposal would provide industry associations, unions, and other stakeholders the flexibility to develop standards for “industry-recognized apprenticeships” that would complement the existing registered apprenticeship system. It would also direct federal agencies to propose elimination of “ineffective” workforce training programs. NSC is pleased with the president’s call for more people to enroll in apprenticeships that lead to good-paying jobs. However, we will oppose any efforts to cut needed workforce and education investments and work with our partners to resist further cuts to these vital services. [Read our full analysis of the EO on our skills blog.](#)

NSC, BLU host congressional briefing on building an infrastructure workforce

On June 14th, the Senate Career and Technical Education (CTE)



Caucus hosted a briefing in conjunction with [Business Leaders United](#) and National Skills Coalition called “Building America’s Infrastructure Workforce.” The briefing explored how the administration’s investment in infrastructure initiatives would create millions of new jobs for Americans

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[Ivanka Trump is hitting the road to boost workers. Her father wants to gut job-training programs](#) | Washington Post, 6.13.17

[Nebraska to get new \\$2.7M technical education center](#) | Freemont Tribune, 6.13.17

[Senators propose tax credits for employers that offer apprenticeships](#) | Society for Human Resources, 6.14.17

[Trump signs order to ease federal restrictions on apprenticeships](#) | The Chronicle of Higher Education, 6.15.17

[Alternative system for registered apprenticeships](#) | Inside Higher ED, 6.16.17

who are currently out of work, underemployed, or seeking higher wages. Investing in infrastructure could strengthen our economy and provide millions of new jobs – but many of those jobs would require education and training beyond the high school level. Check out [Building America's Infrastructure Workforce](#) for NSC's recommendations on how sector partnerships can meet the demand for skilled workers.

NSC's Congressional briefing highlights effective adult education and upskilling policies

More than 65 Congressional staff and other attendees

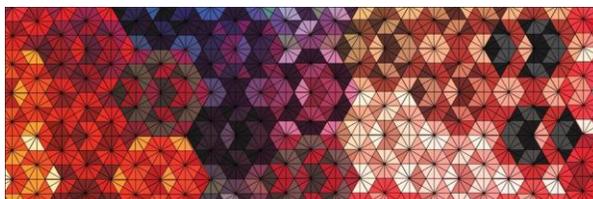


packed a Senate briefing room to hear from state leaders about effective policy approaches for helping American adults to build skills and advance in the workforce. Attendees heard from three state leaders with robust experience in supporting adult learners and talent development initiatives: Anson Green, State Director of Adult Education and Literacy at the Texas Workforce Commission; Reecie Stagnolia, Vice President for Adult Education at the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, and incoming Chair of the Executive Committee for the National Council of State Directors of Adult Education; and Alex Hughes, Vice President for Talent Attraction and Retention at the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce. Get more details about the briefing on our [blog](#).

New WDQC report recommends maximizing data utility for workforce development

How do workforce practitioners know whether

their programs are effective? How do policymakers know whether taxpayer investments are working? How can researchers understand why social services help some groups of people and not others?



From Patchwork to Tapestry

Collaborating to Maximize Data Utility

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[Trump pushes job training, but cuts money for it](#) | *Cleveland.com*, 6.16.17

[House approves skills-focused workforce readiness bill](#) | *Society for Human Resources*, 6.22.17

[Guest view: Trump could learn from Iowa community college](#) | *Quad-City Times*, 6.25.17

[Microsoft's \\$25.8M gift to help expand skillful job training program](#) | *Denver Post*, 6.27.17

PARTNER RESOURCES

The Washington DC Education Policy Fellowship Program (DC EPFP) is now recruiting for the 54th cohort, the 2017-18 program year. EPFP is an excellent way for emerging and mid-career leaders to broaden their professional networks and to increase their education policy knowledge base. [Learn more here.](#)

The Aspen Institute recently released a brief titled [UpSkilling Playbook for Employers](#). Chapter 2 of the playbook, [Five Reasons You Should Care About Upskilling](#), outlines how investing in frontline workers is good for companies' corporate culture, retention rates, and even their bottom lines.

CONNECT WITH US



A new report from WDQC highlights how agency administrators, practitioners, and researchers can work together to improve the use of data for workforce programs and policy. [From Patchwork to Tapestry](#): Collaborating to Maximize Data Utility showcases both local and state systems from Illinois and provides recommendations for coordinated data system development.

Federal legislative updates

On June 23rd, [the House passed](#) the Accelerating Individuals into the Workforce Act (HR 2842) by vote of 377-34. The bill was



introduced by Rep. Carlos Curbelo (R-FL) and Danny Davis (D-IL), and would allocate \$100 million under the current Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) contingency fund for demonstration grants to support subsidized jobs programs. At least one of the demonstration projects supported by the grants would need to fund registered apprenticeship programs, and the bill requires that fifteen percent of the overall funding be reserved for career pathways programs as defined by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

The House [also passed](#) the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act of 2017, which would reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act. The bill is very similar to the reauthorization bill passed by the House last September and is generally consistent with NSC's reauthorization priorities, including requirements for closer alignment of postsecondary performance indicators with the core performance indicators under the WIOA, and requirements that state Perkins plans describe how CTE programs fit within the state's broader vision and strategy for preparing an educated and skilled workforce.

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Join us for the
2018 Skills
Summit**

Join us on
February 6-8 at
the Omni
Shoreham Hotel
in Washington,
D.C. for the



2018 Skills Summit. The Summit offers local practitioners the opportunity to come together and share their knowledge with policymakers during this key period. Registration will open in October with an early bird registration fee. Any questions can be directed to [Jessica Cardott](#). Please mark your calendar and join us this February in Washington, DC!

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](#).

In Memory of Laurie Moran

The workforce development community is mourning the loss of one of its most passionate advocates this month. Laurie Moran, President and CEO of the Danville Pittsylvania County [Chamber of Commerce](#) in Virginia. Over the course of her career, she served on the boards of many organizations. She was a past chair of the Dan



River Region Collaborative and served as chair of National Association of Workforce Boards. She worked tirelessly to promote partnerships of employers and educators to match skilled workers to employers. And she was a [leader in advocacy efforts](#) to change state and local policies to better serve workers, business, and economic development. Click the links in this article for [tributes](#) to Laurie's life and work.

On the road with NSC

- CEO Andy Van Kleunen and Federal Policy Director Kermit Kaleba led a joint Federal Policy presentation on what to expect from the Trump Administration at [the National Fund for Workforce Solutions Leadership Convening](#) in Philadelphia.
- State Network Director Brooke DeRenzis presented on state workforce innovations at a forum on economic opportunities for families hosted by [National Conference of State Legislatures](#) in Denver
- Brooke also moderated a panel discussion on advocating for improved state workforce policies at the National Fund for Workforce Solution's 2017 Leadership Convening in Philadelphia.
- State Policy Director State Policy Director Bryan Wilson spoke about aligning work-based learning for WIOA and Career and Technical Education at the [Louisiana Teacher Summit](#) in New Orleans. Bryan highlighted the use of third-party intermediaries for work-based learning and introduced Eddie Perez, Youth Services Manager for Business and Career Services, an intermediary based in Arlington Heights, Illinois.
- National Network Director Jessie Hogg Leslie hosted a [Business Leaders United](#) Affinity Group session at the National Fund for Workforce Solutions Leadership Convening in Philadelphia.
- Director of Upskilling Policy Amanda Bergson-Shilcock presented examples of innovative policies and practices in workforce development for immigrants at a gathering of funders in Philadelphia. The meeting was convened by [Grantmakers Concerned for Immigrants and Refugees](#), [Workforce Matters](#), and the [Annie E. Casey Foundation](#), and focused on immigrant workforce issues.
- Amanda also presented at the [TESOL Advocacy and Policy Summit](#) in Alexandria, VA. Her presentation focused on state and federal advocacy strategies for Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) adult educators and administrators.
- Amanda also spoke at the [Lumina Foundation's](#) Attaining First Credential for Adults convening, where

she presented information about specific sub-groups of adults who lack postsecondary credentials.

- WDQC Director Rachel Zinn spoke about federal policies on post-college employment outcomes at a Data Policy Summit in Washington, DC, organized by the [Association for Institutional Research](#), [Institute for Higher Education Policy](#), and [Association of Public and Land-grant Universities](#).
- WDQC Policy Analyst Jenna Leventoff presented at the [C2ER/LMI Institute Annual Conference](#) in Denver. She discussed the State Workforce and Education Alignment Project (SWEAP), and how data can help policymakers align education and workforce programs.
- WDQC Policy Analyst Jenna Leventoff attended a meeting in Albany, New York about potential amendments to New York [Assembly Bill 2164-B](#). The meeting was hosted by the bill's sponsor, Assembly Member Harry B. Bronson.

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