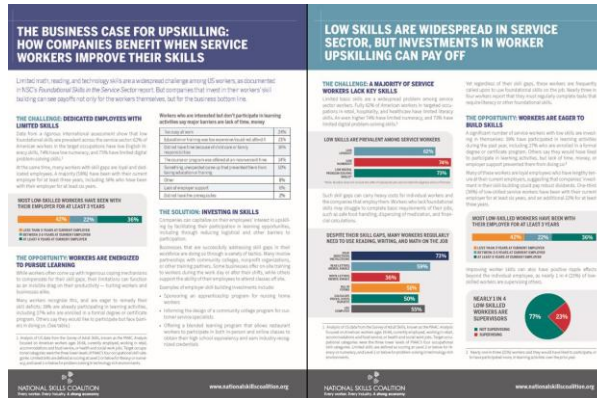




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The case for investing in upskilling

NSC released two fact sheets this month distilling key findings from NSC's recent [Foundational Skills in the Service Sector](#)



report. The first, *The Business Case for Upskilling*, makes the case that companies have a powerful stake in the skills of their frontline employees, and highlights one employer example that demonstrates the economic benefits of investing in worker skill building. The second fact sheet provides select highlights from the report for a general audience. Get both fact sheets and all the details [here](#).

Lessons from the State Workforce and Education Alignment Project



National Skills Coalition's SWEAP initiative has assisted California, Mississippi, Ohio, and Rhode Island develop data tools that policy leaders can use to better align workforce and education programs with employer skill needs. Each state has submitted reports detailing tools they have developed through SWEAP. You can find the reports and learn more about SWEAP [here](#). NSC recently hosted [a webinar](#) where representatives from the four states shared their findings and what they've learned through SWEAP.

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Federal budget updates

During the past month, the Trump administration has proposed cuts to [Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2017](#) spending levels that would include significant cuts to Pell Grants and certain Department of Labor training programs. The proposed cuts are in addition to the cuts outlined in President Trump's FY 2018 "[skinny budget](#)" released earlier this month, that would result in significant cuts to the Departments of Labor and Education.



Juan Salgado appointed Chancellor of the City Colleges of Chicago

NSC Board member Juan Salgado was recently [appointed](#) as the new Chancellor of the City Colleges of Chicago. Juan has led the Instituto del Progreso Latino as President and CEO since 2001 and has been a member of NSC's Board of Directors since 2014.



On the road with NSC

- Federal Policy Director Kermit Kaleba participated in a panel on federal education and workforce funding at the [ACTE National Policy Seminar](#) on March 13th, highlighting the likely impacts of the president's budget proposal on key skills investments.
- Kermit also participated in a panel on workforce and economic development at the [National Association of Development Organizations](#) (NADO) Washington Policy Conference on March 20, and provided opening remarks at the [California Labor Federation's "Building Workforce Partnerships" conference](#) on March 21.
- State Policy Director Bryan Wilson spoke about state sector partnership policies at the National Governors Association winter meeting of the [National Association of State Liaisons for Workforce Development Partnerships](#), held in Washington, D.C on February 24.

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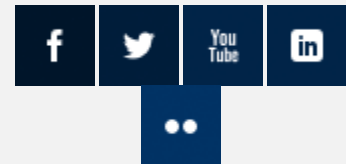
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[California releases policy brief on serving English learners in the workforce system](#)

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- Bryan also participated in the [New Skills for Youth](#) Phase 2 Kick Off Convening in Louisville, Kentucky, held on March 7-8, and took part in a discussion of workforce development policies with state officials and advocates in Montpelier, Vermont on March 15.
 - Finally, Bryan discussed workforce development policies at the retreat of the [Virginia Board of Workforce Development](#) in Charlottesville, Virginia on March 29.
 - Workforce Data Quality Campaign Policy Analyst Christina Pena presented on tips from [Picturing the Workforce](#) during the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) [National Policy Seminar](#) session on Presenting Data to Promote CTE, in Arlington, Virginia.
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