

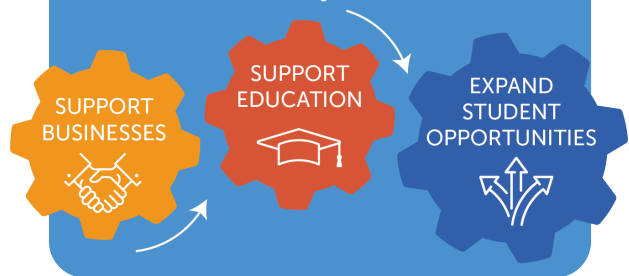
Accomplishments this year

- **Work-Based Learning Toolkit** - This toolkit contains the resources, tools, and guidance to successfully develop high-quality work-based learning experiences for students.
- **WBL Data Measurement Plan completed, including improving baseline participation data (K-12, college) and measuring employer workforce satisfaction.**
- **Refined and implemented qualitative data tools for youth, educators, and employers:**
 - Reach Higher coordinators held second round of Youth Focus Groups in December and January (data is currently being entered).
 - Developed and deployed Educator Survey
 - Drafted Employer Workforce Satisfaction Survey
- **Received initial apprenticeship and Labor Force Participation data from MT DLI**
- **Professional Development Presentations**
 - National ACTE Conference-December 2022
 - Montana Principal's Conference-Helena-January 22-24
 - Association-Bozeman-March 30-31 (Thursday, March 30, 2023-2:30-3:10 pm)



Our Vision

Every young adult in Montana will have multiple pathways to economic self-sufficiency, supported by a statewide work-based learning system that honors the potential of students and addresses the workforce needs of Montana businesses, today and tomorrow.



Ongoing Work:

Data Work continuing in 2023

- Pursuing partnership with Montana Chamber regarding Employer Workforce Satisfaction Survey
- Follow-up with OCHE to pursue postsecondary WBL course data
- Ongoing advocacy to improve MT OPI WBL data
- Share and report data and findings
- Mapping of WBL infrastructure, resources and activities across state

Pending Presentations

- Montana Superintendent's Conference-Helena-March 13-14
- Region 5 ACTE Conference-Fargo-April
- ACTE WBL Conference-Atlanta-April
- SAM Administrators Institute-July 24-25



WORK-BASED LEARNING ISN'T JUST FOR KIDS!

Teachers have the opportunity to experience professional work settings in multiple industries.

The experience strengthens an educator's teaching abilities and



brings relevant, real-world context into the classroom. Review of applications began March 3.

Advocacy

Montana Legislative Bills impacting Work Based Learning Activities – Below are bills the Collaborative has identified as impacting WBL work. Some have been tabled; however, it does give an indication of the conversations occurring at the state level. As a reminder, the Collaborative does not take positions as a body; however, you and/or your organization may choose to weigh in on your own behalf. If you would like to testify or provide a message to your legislator, the steps to do so are outlined [here](#).

Bill Number	Sponsor	Title	Link
SB 8	O'Brien	Revise transformational learning program laws	Link
HB 214	Bertoglio	Revise education laws related to remote instruction	Link
SB 129	Tempel	Revise laws related to compulsory attendance	Link
HB 203	Bedey	Generally, revise education laws to enhance educational opportunities	Link
HB 257	Sprunger	Revise education laws related to advanced opportunities program	Link
SB 132	Beard	Revise agriculture education programs	Link
HB245	Vinton	Revise tax credits for trades education and training	Link
SB 351	Kassmeier	Revise education laws related to career and technology student organizations	Link
SB 444	Small	Revising laws related to work-based learning programs; requiring written agreements for work-based learning programs and specific elements to qualify for exemption from certain wage laws	Link

Changing Views Present New Opportunities for Youth Apprenticeship

By [Kelly Vede](#) (Senior policy analyst with the Center on Education & Labor working on the Partnership to Advance Youth Apprenticeship)

Results from focus groups with parents and students in Indiana offer lessons for designing and communicating about youth apprenticeship.

Do parents and students believe that learning and opportunity can be found outside of high school and college classrooms? We recently conducted six virtual focus groups in Indiana with high school students and parents to find out.

[Read More ...](#)



Anyone else we need to be talking to?

Let us know of anyone who should be added to our WBL Collaborative List including any interested employers, educators, government agencies, etc. Regular updates on the work the Collaborative is doing is regularly communicated out to ensure outside entities know who to contact if they have questions and are also kept apprised of the good work we're doing!



Upcoming meetings:
Quarterly (In Person) Meeting
May 3rd in Bozeman
10:00am – 3:00pm

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