## **Overview**

- Assembling your materials and team
- Reviewing the updated template
- Filling out the CLNA for year 1 of cycle
- Transferring information to the grant
- Utilizing the Opportunity Gap Analysis data
- Group activity



# Preparation Materials for CLNA Leadership Planning Meeting

- Last year's CLNA
- Program of Study (POS) review summaries and accomplishments
- Measurable Objectives from FY23 grant application
- FY23 Budget/Proposed FY24

- List of areas/items to be addressed
- Evidence/data PDF:

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# **Updated Title Page**

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#### Comprehensive Needs Assessment Leadership Team (Biennial Year 1)

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# Leadership Team

- Engage as many as you can, but do not need to hit every row.
- Can change from year to year.

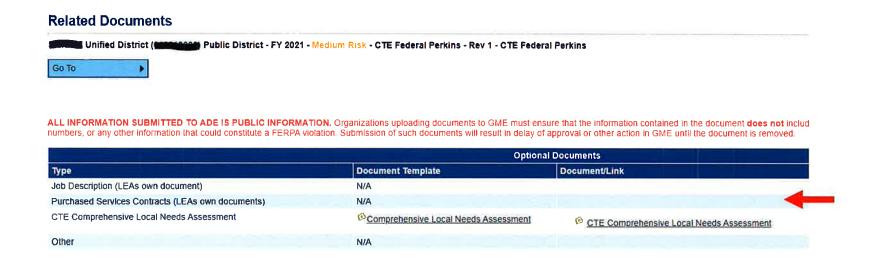
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# **Changes to the Template**

1 = This is a strength 3 = This is an area we need to improve 2 = This is satisfactory 4 = This area needs major improvement Include all Perkins funded List all CTE programs: programs Asterisk used in all sections Indicates the Opportunity Gap Analysis data may be relevant to these criteria. Evaluation & Accountability (Examples of evidence can include: TSA and Certification reports, DLP. More examples on PDF Performance Measure Improvement Plans, Program evaluations, Monitoring reports, Enrollment data...) ear 1: List strengths/areas of Indicate evidence reviewed Year 2: Explain updates or Criteria focus for improvement. (applies to both years). progress from Year 1. Offers programs/programs of study which are Criteria have been directly related to the preparation of individual condensed from previous **⊠** 2 employment in current or emerging occupations CLNA template ©  $\square$  3 requiring an industry-recognized credential, **4** certificate, or degree. Fields are \* Develops and implements a system of evaluations  $\Box$  1 expandable! of the CTE programs carried out with funds under  $\square$  2 Perkins V (including an assessment of how the needs  $\square$  3 of special populations are being met) and adjusts as  $\Box 4$ needed. Monitors CTE programs/programs of study for effectiveness and compliance, collects student data  $\square$  2 and evaluations, and submits required Perkins V □ 3 reports in a timely manner.  $\Box 4$ Will carry over to grant Measurable Objective(s) for Evaluation & Accountability-minimum of one required for grant:

Rating: Choose the statement which best matches your district (for each row)

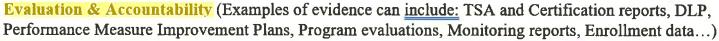
# Upload Completed CLNA into Related Documents section



You may upload the sign in sheet separately, if you need to scan with signatures. Please name the document(s) appropriately!

### **CLNA** Drives the Plan

#### Each section of the CLNA...



Criteria	Rating	Year 1: List strengths/areas of focus for improvement.	Indicate evidence reviewed (applies to both years).	Year 2: Explain updates or progress from Year 1.
Offers programs/programs of study which are directly related to the preparation of individual employment in current or emerging occupations requiring an industry-recognized credential, certificate, or degree.	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4			
* Develops and implements a system of evaluations of *				

#### Corresponds with one objective within the grant...

**Evaluation & Accountability** 

Each entity receiving funding shall develop and implement evaluations of the activities carried out with Perkins funds, including evaluations necessary to complete the comprehensive local needs assessment and provide required local data to ADE [§135(b)(6)].

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# **Measurable Objectives**

- Pull from CLNA—select areas of need
- Top section is a summary of CLNA
- At least one per each of six sections
- Box 1: SMART goal
- Box 2: Justifications (why?)
- Box 3: Final Narrative not due until 2024

#### **CTE Federal Perkins**

Related Documents

Budget Overview
Budget Overview Plus/Minus
Evaluation & Accountability
Career Exploration/Career Development
Professional Development
Skill Development
Academic Integration
Increase Student Achievement
State Determined Levels of Performance (SDLP)
Capital Outlay Worksheet

1) Provide a measurable objective describing ho	w you will implement an evaluation of activities carried out with F	Perkins funds. The objective must include all SMART compo	nents: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Results-Oriented and Time	ely.
Provide a justification for your choice of object	hus and how it will addrage your identified need			
2) Provide a justification for your choice of object	are and now it will address your identified need.			

## **SMART Goals**

Specific

Measurable

Attainable

Relevant

Time-bound

In as much detail as possible, describe the challenge and what you hope to accomplish. Identify those responsible and accountable for executing the goal.

Identify measures of success and how you plan to track progress.

Make sure the goal is realistic. Do you have the skill, will, and resources to achieve this goal? If not, what is a more realistic goal? A good SMART goal is both ambitious and attainable.

Determine whether this goal is related to your career and technical education vision. How will it help actualize this vision?

Set a specific date when the goal will be achieved.

Needs to be within the 15 month grant period Work with your GPS is you need assistance...we will have to send back grants if the objectives are not clear.

# Utilizing the Opportunity Gap Analysis "Action Planning Tool"

EXAMPLE OF A CTE EQUITY GOAL

Relevant

Learners with disabilities are under-represented in the Health Science Career Cluster®, which is caused by the lack of academic supports to help them meet the pre-requisite requirements for Health Science courses. To help learners with disabilities access these programs, our college will partner with the local school district to create a near-peer tutoring program for learners with disabilities in high school to get paired with college students. The program will be developed and led by Wanda Perkins and will be launched in the 2021-22 school year. Our goal is that 30 students will enroll in the program in the first year, leading to at least 10 new Health Science enrollments by learners with disabilities by the 2022-23 school year.

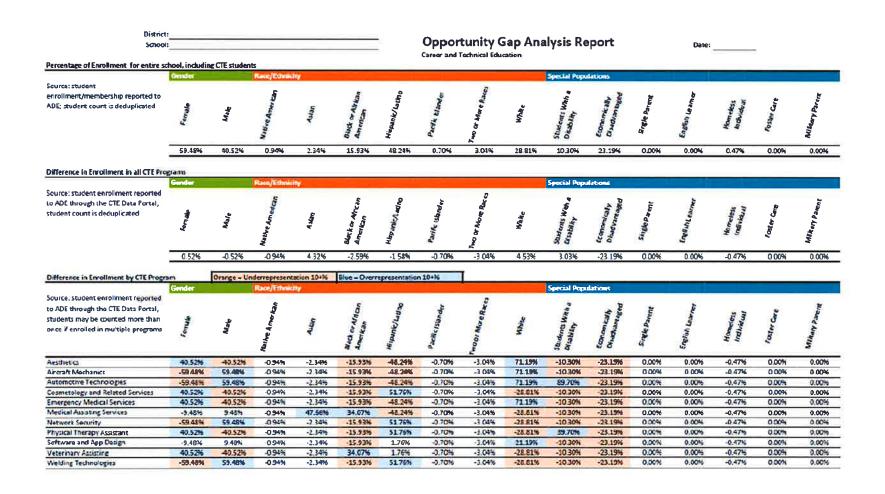
Time-bound

Measurable & Attainable

Specific

## What do we notice?

#### **Example of Page 3 of the Opportunity Gap Analysis Report**



# **Group Activity**

- Break into 6 groups (corresponding to CLNA sections).
- Choose one row from your group's assigned section.
- Fill out "Year 1" and "Evidence Reviewed" columns with examples (framed as an area of improvement).
- Write a SMART objective based your example.
- Share out if time allows, using big stickies.



#### **Examples of Evidence Reviewed for CLNA and Perkins Grant Objectives**

#### Objective 1: Evaluation & Accountability

District strategic plan	Program monitoring documentation (program binders, PLC minutes, advisory meeting minutes, etc.)
Technical skills assessment reports	ADE site monitoring visit results
District level performance data	Student enrollment data
Performance measures improvement plan(s)	Special populations data
Program level student data	Advisory board minutes
Principal's report	CTE data portal reports
CTE standards and measurements	Past CLNA's and results
School board reports	Industry certifications
<ul> <li>Previous Perkins grant applications and completion reports</li> </ul>	Dual enrollment data
Program evaluations	Teacher evaluations
IEP data	CLNA committee past meeting notes
CTED Enrollment completion data	Gradebook
Galileo Science, etc.	Rubric based instruction

#### Objective 2: Career Exploration/Career Development

ECAP's data	Postsecondary plans
Coherent sequence	Graduation plan lessons
Teacher survey data     Graduation requirements	
<ul> <li>SAE and Internship program data and results</li> <li>CTE marketing plan</li> </ul>	
District strategic plan	Master schedule/daily schedule
CANVAS or other LMS reports	Middle school career exploration class data
Dual credit data	Work-based learning participant data
Industry certification completion data	XELLO, Naviance, etc. reports
Career counselor transition plans	Freshman night data (sign in sheets, fair flyers, etc.)
CTE posters and marketing materials	Resume development
Program pathway information	Placement data

#### Objective 3: Professional Development

CTSO advisor training	Program specific professional development/workshops	
<ul> <li>Professional development days – (roster/in house data collected)</li> </ul>	Standards committee involvement (ADE)	
Premier series courses	Grant budgeting report	
Department level meetings	Teacher PD records	
Schoology training	Parent Square training, etc.	
ACTEAZ summer conference registrations	Fall and Mid-Winter CTE conferences	
Special populations training     Membership records		
• CTED training • Community college partner training		
<ul> <li>Association training offerings</li> <li>Teacher earned industry certifications</li> </ul>		
PBL training     EDGAR training		
Summer CTE internships for teachers	Two-week paid internships for teachers	
Teacher exit surveys for focused PD	Industry support for special populations	

#### Objective 4: Skill Development

Schedule and enrollment data	Classroom projects
Work-based learning data	Business partners list per program
School trips data	Master schedule
CTE program ranking list     CTSO student membership records	
Industry certification data	CTE coherent scope & sequence
Course description book	Guest speaker data
CTE facility review tours	Program completion data
Dual enrollment credit earned reports	Graduate surveys
CTSO competition results	Stakeholder meetings/agendas
MOS/BOS curriculum documentation	Transition to work information
Lab room usage and training	Service learning
Concentrator data	National Clearinghouse data, etc.

#### Objective 5: Academic Integration

•	Standards and measurement	•	Math, English, Science standards
•	Curriculum connection lesson plans	•	ELA performance data
•	Project-based learning	•	Lexia PowerUp tutorial and reading program, etc.
•	Cross-curricular lesson plans	•	Benchmark scores
•	Oversight committee agenda/minutes	•	Course sequences
•	College credit records	•	State English, Math and Science assessment results (i.e. ACT)
•	Unit plans	•	Academic teachers observing CTE classes

#### Objective 6: Increase Student Achievement

Alignment of math, English standards to CTE program standards	Student progress reports
Industry credential completion data	Curriculum connection lesson plans
SPED and IEP data	Dual enrollment data
Industry certification data	CTE department meeting minutes
Technical skills assessment data	NWEA benchmark testing, etc.
SALP data	Hands on practice assessments
<ul> <li>Special populations enrollment data (CTE Portal)</li> </ul>	1 on 1 counselor meeting reports
Enrollment data	Both Non-Discrimination disclosure statements reviewed and accurately displayed
Benchmark testing data (in preparation of TSA)	Work based learning logs

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Student(s)				
Special Populations				
Other:				

## Comprehensive Needs Assessment Leadership Team (Biennial Year 2)

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Evaluation & Accountability (Examples of evidence can include: TSA and Certification reports, DLP, Performance Measure Improvement Plans, Program evaluations, Monitoring reports, Enrollment data...)

Criteria	Rating	Year 1: List strengths/areas of focus for improvement.	Indicate evidence reviewed (applies to both years).	Year 2: Explain updates or progress from Year 1.
Offers programs/programs of study which are directly related to the preparation of individual employment in current or emerging occupations requiring an industry-recognized credential, certificate, or degree.	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4			
* Develops and implements a system of evaluations of the CTE programs carried out with funds under Perkins V (including an assessment of how the needs of special populations are being met) and adjusts as needed.	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4			
Monitors CTE programs/programs of study for effectiveness and compliance, collects student data and evaluations, and submits required Perkins V reports in a timely manner.	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4			

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**Career Exploration/Career Development** (Examples of evidence can include: ECAP data, Internship and Dual Credit data, Placement data, MyFutureAz/Xello/Naviance etc. reports...)

Criteria	Rating	Year 1: List strengths/areas of focus for improvement.	Indicate evidence reviewed (applies to both years).	Year 2: Explain updates or progress from Year 1.
Provides career exploration/development activities through an organized, systematic framework designed to aid students (including special pops/non-traditional and middle grades) in making informed decisions about future education, career opportunities, and programs of study.	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4			
Have readily available career and labor market information, including on occupational supply and demand, educational requirements, information on careers aligned with economic priorities and employment sectors.	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4			
Offers programs and activities related to the development of student graduation and career plans (ECAPs), career guidance, and academic counselors that provide information on postsecondary education and career options.	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4			

**Professional Development** (Examples of evidence can include: PD sign-in sheets, conference registrations, training and workshop attendance, teacher earned industry certifications, PLC records...)

Criteria	Rating	Year 1: List strengths/areas of focus for improvement.	Indicate evidence reviewed (applies to both years).	Year 2: Explain updates or progress from Year 1.
Provides professional development for CTE teachers, faculty, school leaders, administrators, specialized instructional support personnel, career guidance and academic counselors, and paraprofessionals.	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4			
Offers professional development supporting instructional approaches, including teaching the integration of embedded academic content, professional skills, and teaching CTE standards and curricula.	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4			
Provides all CTE staff with opportunities to advance knowledge, skills, and understanding of all aspects of an industry (including the latest workplace equipment, technologies, standards, and credentials).	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4			
Provides professional development which supports the coordination with ADE/institutions of higher education on recruitment, preparation, and retention of career and technical educational faculty.	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4			

**Skill Development** (Examples of evidence can include: work based learning data, recruitment data, CTSO records, data on industry certifications and dual enrollment...)

Criteria	Rating	Year 1: List strengths/areas of focus for improvement.	Indicate evidence reviewed (applies to both years).	Year 2: Explain updates or progress from Year 1.
Offers programs/programs of study with non-duplicative sequence of courses meeting the Arizona Perkins V State Plan definition for "size, scope, and quality" to meet the needs of all students. (For definition of "size, scope, and quality" for secondary and postsecondary recipients, please see page 13 of this document)	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4			
*Provides the opportunity for all students, including members of special populations, to become informed and recruited to CTE programs/programs of study.	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4			
Provides opportunities for students to participate in real-life work experience through CTE Work-Based Learning (WBL) programs, which may include convening meetings with employer associations and labor representatives to achieve buy-in.	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4			
Collaborates with community representatives and local workforce development to explore and develop initiatives to improve access to workforce training, and to ensure quality experiences for students and employers.  (Postsecondary only)	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4			

**Academic Integration** (Examples of evidence can include: lesson plans, professional learning community agendas/minutes, standards, performance data such as standardized test results...)

Criteria	Rating	Year 1: List strengths/areas of focus for improvement.	Indicate evidence reviewed (applies to both years).	Year 2: Explain updates or progress from Year 1.
Provides programs that integrate coherent and rigorous content aligned with State academic standards (i.e. math, science, and literacy) that will improve student's academic and technical skills.	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4			
All students within each program achieve performance targets established for Perkins V performance indicators (See Performance Measures/LEA SDLP documentation).	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4			
Provides opportunities for CTE students to participate in accelerated learning programs and gain postsecondary credit (such as dual or concurrent enrollment programs or early college high schools) as part of their CTE program of study.	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4			

**Increase Student Achievement** (Examples of evidence can include: industry credential completion data, SPED and IEP data, TSA data, enrollment data, department meeting minutes...)

Criteria	Rating	Year 1: List strengths/areas of focus for improvement.	Indicate evidence reviewed (applies to both years).	Year 2: Explain updates or progress from Year 1.
*Ensures equal access for all special population students to CTE courses/program(s) of study, in a non-discriminatory manner.	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4			
Provides CTE programs/programs of study that ensure students (including special populations) will have the skills necessary to pursue careers in high skill, high-wage or in-demand industry sectors or occupations.	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4			
Provides participants with access to industry- recognized certification examinations or other assessments leading toward a recognized post- secondary credential.	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4			
Academic and CTE teachers utilize student data to identify gaps in performance established by Perkins V performance indicators.	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4			

# Professional Development Prompt#: 1 Evidence: Attendance Records · Certs earned

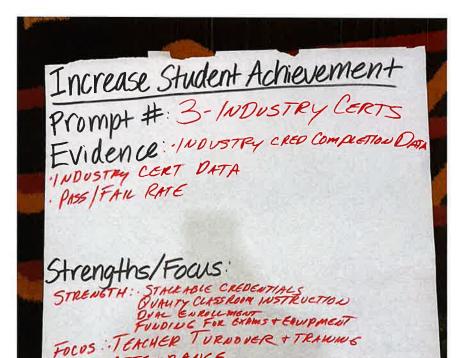
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Strengths/Focus:

CTE Teachers / Increase Counselor / BE Admin + Non CTE Teachers

Participate

SMART goal:
By May 2024, we will increase the involvement of non creeducators by 107. in CTE specific professional development.



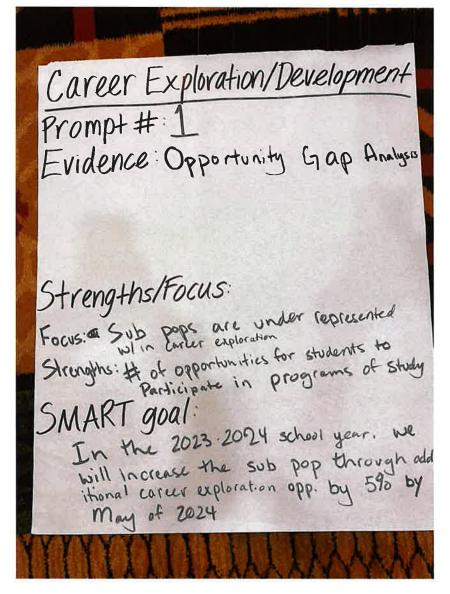
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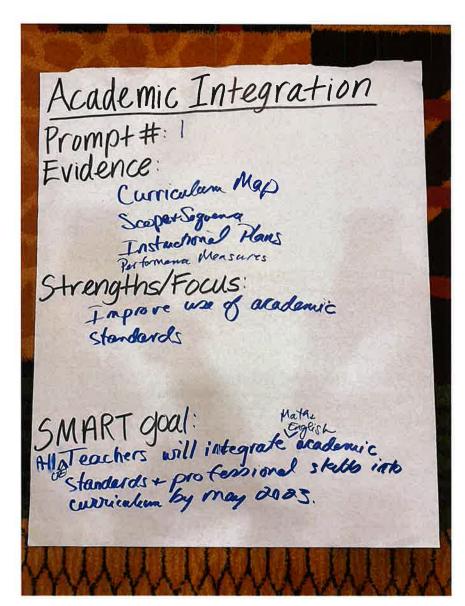
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# Evaluation & Accountability rrompt# 2 Evidence: Opportunity Bap analysis Report (All programs under represent economically disadvantaged groups) Strengths/Focus: Recruitment of most special populations in alignment with enrollment. SMART goal: By Oct. 1st we will offer a visit "CTE EVENT" to all-feeder schools. By FEB 1st (Enroll ment process) guidance Will ansure all students enroll in a CTE program. By any 1, Et was 5, will be in CTE.



# Skill Development Prompt#:型 Evidence: GAP ANMISSIS ENROLLMENT DATA Strengths/Focus: 2 PADERAMIS THAT DO NOT SHOW GOWDER GAP THE (STRENGTH) FOCUS: PROBLAMS LARGER THAN 40% EQUITY GAP SMART goal: Dereuse AT LEMET 2 PRICEMINS WITH GEN DER MEGUTY BY 5% WITHIN THE CURRENT CHEA TIMBINE.



#### **Practical Strategies for Closing Opportunity Gaps in CTE**

The following table describes root causes and related strategies to improve equitable access to CTE. While most of these strategies have backing evidence supported by a broad literature review, a few have been demonstrated anecdotally but not rigorously.

#### Beliefs & Expectations

The broader expectations and values in relation to CTE itself and/or to specific learner groups. This category is where we may see example of implicit bias, CTE stigma, and stereotypes about particular groups.

	Good	Better	Best
Root Cause	Level 1 Strategies	Level 2 Strategies	Level 3 Strategies
Lack of Awareness about CTE	Develop recruitment materials and host recruitment events     Require individual academic and career plans     Engage key influencers (school counselors, teachers, CTE learners, alumni) to share information about CTE     Provide informational materials in multiple languages	Provide middle school CTE/career exploration curriculum and experiences     Provide early high school CTE/career exploration curriculum and experiences	Implement technology- based platforms for career exploration and planning
Implicit Bias/Stereotypes about particular learner group	Develop targeted recruitment materials and strategies     Partner with media organizations to promote representations of diverse learners in different occupations     Assign learners to counselors from the same racial group     Develop inclusive recruitment materials and strategies that depict diverse learner populations	Implement peer mentoring programs or peer support groups	Implement intergenerational mentoring programs     Provide professional development on implicit bias, stereotype threat, disability awareness, and more
CTE Stigma	Use learner and parent ambassadors to address outdated perceptions of CTE     Use career exploration and planning platforms and recruitment materials to highlight the benefits of CTE	Engage families in career development	

#### Policies & Processes

State, district, and or school-level policies and procedures that create barriers to access or success in CTE programs. This category may include admission requirements, scheduling barriers, disciplinary barriers

	Good	Better	Best
Root Cause	Level 1 Strategies	Level 2 Strategies	Level 3 Strategies
Admission requirements	Eliminate admission requirements for CTE programs     Reserve seats/spaces for targeted learner groups		
Scheduling barriers	Provide courses and services in the evening and/or on weekends	Schedule CTE     courses to maximize     access, considering     graduation     requirements and     other requirements for     students with     disabilities and English learners	Implement career academies or similar cohort-based, inter- disciplinary models for high school learners
Disciplinary barriers		Ensure that educators, counselors, administrators, and other faculty and staff are trained on using trauma-informed practices to promote a culture of safety and support	Implement school-wide positive behavior interventions and supports in the middle school or high school level
Lack of policies that support diversity	Develop and enforce non-discrimination policies     Develop and enforce antibullying/anti-harassment policies     Conduct learner surveys or focus group to evaluate whether programs are inclusive and welcoming for under-represented populations		Use data to monitor enrollment patterns and identify opportunity gaps
Lack of systematic counseling and advisement	Provide proactive counseling/advising/career coaching Require individual academic and career plans Provide professional development for counselors/advisors on how CTE programs can prepare learners of all backgrounds for high-skill, high-wage, and in-demand employment opportunities	Implement dropout prevention/early warning systems	Implement online platforms for career exploration and planning

Siloed departments and services	Structure secondary and postsecondary education to enable early entry into CTE programs		Implement career academies or similar cohort-based, interdisciplinary models     Implement postsecondary guided/accelerated pathways through program maps, intensive advising, and early warning systems     Implement sector-specific training programs scaffolded by career advisement, job placement, and financial/tangible supports, among other support services
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#### Environment

The geographic and/or socioeconomic factors that affect access and/or prevent learners from realizing their education and career goals. This category may include lack of access to equipment, financial barriers, and/or transportation.

	Good	Better	Best
Root Cause	Level 1 Strategies	Level 2 Strategies	Level 3 Strategies
Lack of access to relevant facilities and equipment	Provide equipment that is inclusive for students with disabilities and various genders (differently sized protective equipment, etc.)     Share facilities and equipment with other learning providers and/or industry partners     Enact a one-to-one technology policy to scale up virtual or remote learning opportunities     Provide facilities that are inclusive for students with disabilities and various genders		
Lack of access to qualified CTE instructors and/or industry partners	Develop induction/mentoring programs for new instructors that build industry and/or pedagogical knowledge and skills     Provide virtual access to industry representatives, including through simulated work-based learning     Establish formal dual or concurrent enrollment partnerships with secondary and postsecondary institutions to give high school learners access to postsecondary instruction     Enable coteaching/team teaching that pairs instructors with differing levels of experience/qualifications with industry experts     Provide virtual access to qualified instructors	Develop "grow your own" programs in the Education & Training Career Cluster     Provide externships for teachers and faculty that build industry knowledge and skills	

Financial barriers	Cover fees for industry-recognized credential assessments Cover fees for Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) activities Provide financial aid for learners from low-income families that covers tuition, equipment, fees, etc.		Provide free/low-cost opportunities to earn articulated credit  Award credit for prior learning/military experience/work experience
Tangible barriers	Provide case management/a single point of entry to non-academic support services     Provide transportation to the CTE program and/or work-based learning	Provide integrated learner services including health care, mental health services, meals/food pantry, childcare, academic services, etc.	

#### Instruction

The barriers to teaching and learning in the CTE classroom such as a lack of accommodations for students with disabilities, teaching strategies that are not inclusive, bias in the curriculum, or insufficient academic preparation prior to entering the CTE program.

	Good	Better	Best
Root Cause	Level 1 Strategies	Level 2 Strategies	Level 3 Strategies
Lack of relevant, engaging, hands-on and work-based learning experiences	Teach professional skills and employability skills in all CTE programs Provide early career exploration opportunities to give learners the chance to try careers and develop their own occupational identity Provide professional development for educators and industry partners to maximize these experiences Expand access to paid, work-based learning opportunities so learners who assist in supporting their families can participate		Provide CTSOs that build technical, employability, and leadership skills through competitive events, service learning, and other activities     Provide work-based learning scaffolded by employability skills training and mentoring/coaching, among other support services     Provide virtual/simulated learning where real-world learning is not safe, legal, or accessible
Bias in instruction/curriculum	Use culturally responsive curriculum     Employ microaffirmations through active listening, recognizing and validating experiences and affirming emotional reactions     Be sensitive to logos and imagery that perpetuate stereotypes	Implement an instructional approach that draws on a variety of teaching methods to ensure equal opportunities for all learners	Teach self- efficacy/self- determination and a growth mindset Provide professional development on topics related to bias in instruction/curriculum
Barriers to learner progress	Include CTE representatives on Individual Education Program/504 teams Create space for peer affinity groups so that learners of similar identities can receive support and fellowship	Provide     accommodations for     students with     disabilities and     English learners     Implement peer     tutoring	Implement     bridge/remediation     programs, often     through contextualized     academic-CTE     curriculum and     instruction

#### People

Barriers related to staffing – such as insufficient number of school counselors or career advisors, shortages of qualified teachers and faculty and/or lack of leadership capacity, lack of representational diversity in the CTE teacher workforce and among industry partners.

	Good	Better	Best
Root Cause	Level 1 Strategies	Level 2 Strategies	Level 3 Strategies
Lack of diversity in the CTE educator workforce	Develop more inclusive pipelines into leadership and administration	Develop "grow your own" programs in the Education & Training Career Cluster	Recruit diverse instructors through minority-serving institutions and affinity groups, among other methods
Lack of diversity among industry partners	Recruit diverse industry partners through affinity business groups, among other methods		

#### Additional Resources to Identify Practical Strategies

- Achieving the Dream Knowledge Center
  - https://achievingthedream.org/latest/
- American Youth Policy Forum Topic Areas
  - https://www.aypf.org/topic-areas/
- Illinois Center for Specialized Professional Support Super Strategies
  - https://icsps.illinoisstate.edu/cte/special-populations/76-super-strategies
- o JFF Ensuring Equity in Advancement
  - https://www.iff.org/resources/page/2/ensuring-equity-advancement/
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