



Future Ready Apprenticeship Center Information Session

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Vision

A nation where every young person has pathways to *their* American dream.

CareerWise Vision and Mission

Mission

We forge pathways to meaningful careers through bold advocacy, innovative apprenticeships and industry led partnerships, creating a dynamic talent ecosystem that connects ambition to opportunity and empowers young people.

CareerWise: What We Do



Direct Impact

Directly implement youth apprenticeship pathways (in NY & CO)

Widespread Impact

Educate, equip, and empower partners nationwide to implement high quality apprenticeship pathways through:

- Strategic expertise, learnings & best practices
- Implementation frameworks & programmatic tools
- Collective learning engagements between practitioners
- Technology platform to enable efficiency & scale

Systemic Impact

Inform state and federal policy through awareness, research and advocacy

Overview of the Future Ready Apprenticeship Center

31-Month Engagement | 10 States | June 2026 - December 2028

Building Sustainable State Ecosystems to Expand Youth Access to Registered Apprenticeships

CUSTOMIZED CONSULTING

Comprehensive system landscape assessment to identify current state of **functions**, **levers** for change, and **primary actor** engagement

Prioritization of key **levers** for change & how **actors** will be engaged

Individualized technical assistance emphasizing application of best practices to unique state landscapes and prioritized **levers**

State plan development to establish clear strategies and actionable steps aligned to prioritized **levers & functions** and ongoing implementation and refinement support and accountability

COMMUNITY LEARNING

Virtual & in-person convenings to share learnings & collaborate across states

Consultancy triads to engage strategically and problem solve with other states prioritizing similar levers

Employer convenings to mobilize sectors in the support and co-design of apprenticeship pathways

Peer networks focused on (1) apprenticeship-ready schools, (2) sector mobilization, and (3) evaluation & impact

TOOLS & RESOURCES

\$200,000 per state to fund participation and advance registered apprenticeship opportunities for youth (10 states)

Dedicated website providing access to resources, toolkits, and research

Documented best practices (at operational level) across each lever of change to guide state plan strategies

Center Partners

 **Jobs for the Future (JFF)**

 **Dr. Annelies Goger**

 **Urban Institute**

 **Sarah Oldmixon**

 **New America**

 **Colorado Department of
Labor and Employment (CDLE)**

 **American Institutes
for Research (AIR)**

 **Kinetic West**

The Center | State Participation

State Core Project Team

- 4 - 6 state-level decision-makers representing education, CTE, apprenticeship, others as needed
- Lead the state planning and implementation process
- Attend monthly customized consulting sessions
- Engage and liaise with the Broader State Coalition

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Broader State Coalition

- Includes partners beyond the Core Project Team who support and inform state plan development and implementation
- Engaged through targeted input, ad hoc working groups, and select Center activities

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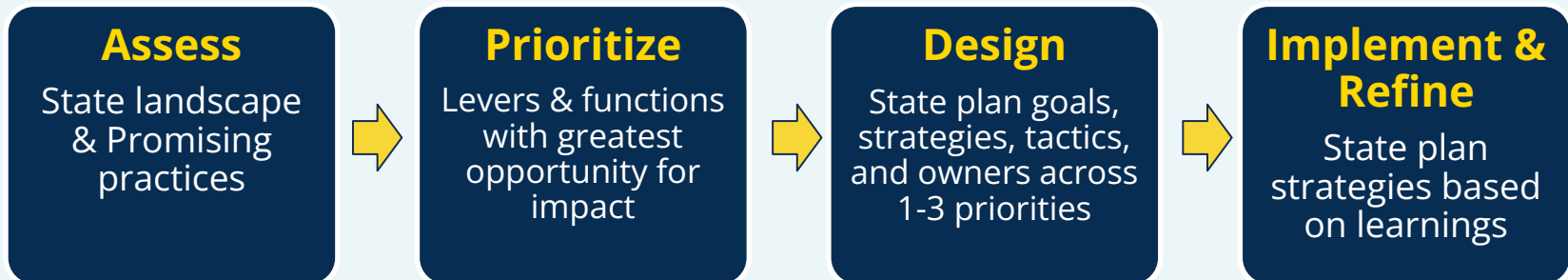
Required Activities

- Monthly customized consulting sessions
- State Plan development & Implementation
- In-person & virtual State Consortia Convenings (including NYAS & NASTAD)
- Virtual peer-to-peer learning sessions
- Data collection, evaluation processes, case studies

The Center will build state capacity to plan, implement, and sustain youth pathways to Registered Apprenticeship

The Center's approach to customized consulting

- Comprehensive landscape assessment to identify current state of **system functions, levers for change**, and **primary actor engagement**
- Prioritization of **key levers for change**
- Individualized technical assistance emphasizing application of best practices to unique state landscapes and prioritized levers
- State plan development to establish clear strategies and actionable steps aligned to prioritized levers & functions
- Ongoing implementation and refinement support and accountability



How the Application Works

- All applications must be submitted using the **online application**:
<https://careerwise.tfaforms.net/f/FutureReadyCenter>
- [Application worksheet](#) (PDF)
 - All application questions & required information
 - Facilitate internal planning
 - *NOT for submission*
- One submission per state
- Letters of support required
 - Governor or Lt. Governor
 - Agency support for non-state agency applying on state's behalf
 - Other stakeholders

Future Ready Apprenticeship Center: Request for State Applications

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Application Information

Purpose

With funding from the U.S. Department of Labor, CareerWise is launching the [Future Ready Apprenticeship Center \(the Center\)](#) in collaboration with the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) to support states in building state-level capacity to expand access to high-quality Registered Apprenticeships for youth aged 16-24. Selected states will receive customized consulting (intensive technical assistance), peer learning opportunities, and a total of \$200,000 over 31 months (June 2026 - December 2028) to develop, implement and improve state plans that create systemic change in their ecosystems that enable expansion of youth access to registered apprenticeship programs.

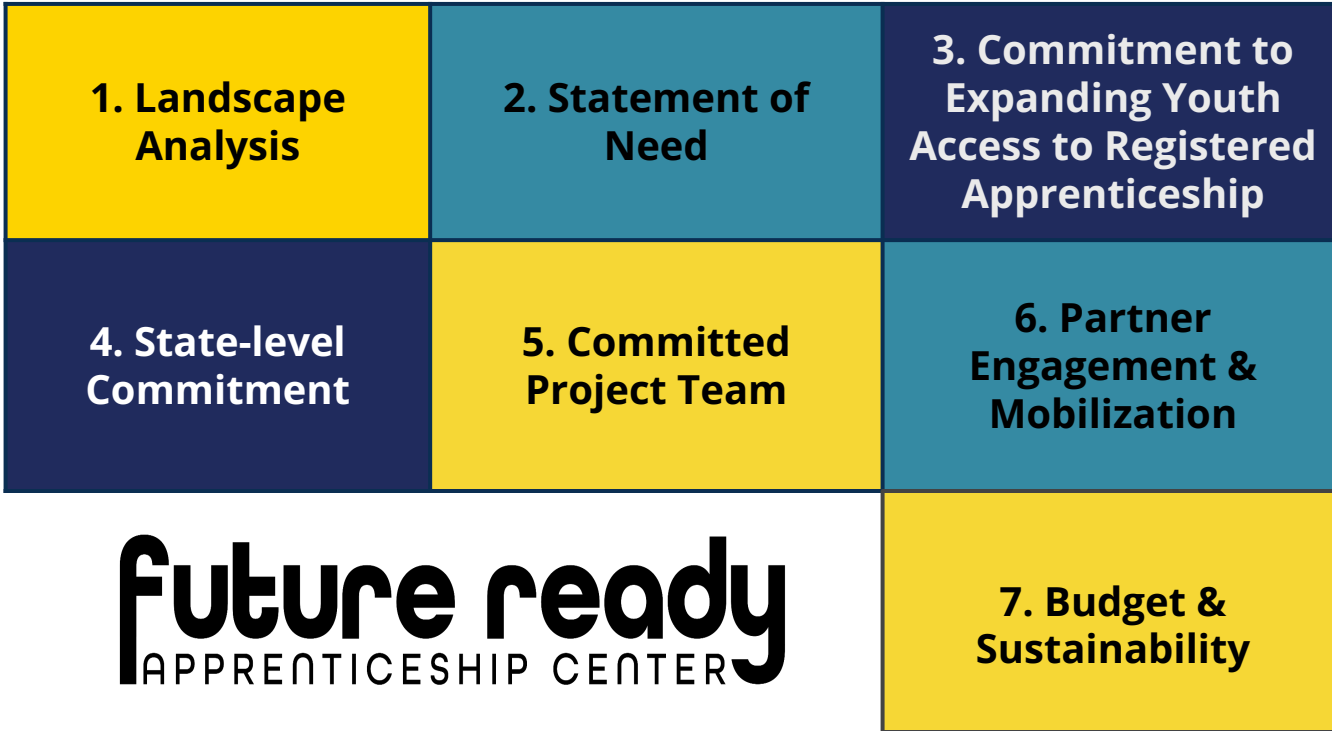
Through the Future Ready Apprenticeship Center, each state's individual efforts along with knowledge-exchange and collaboration among participating states will inform national frameworks, tools, resources, and national solutions to scale youth access to registered apprenticeships nationwide.

Benefits for Participating States

Participating States Receive:

- **Strategy & support:** Expert customized consulting from a team of partners that will support development and implementation of state plans, building off a system readiness assessment. The Center consulting team includes nationally recognized experts from CareerWise, Jobs for the Future (JFF), Urban Institute, American Institutes for Research (AIR), Kinetic West, Oldmixon Consulting, and others.
- **Community & learning:** Virtual & in-person convenings for cross-state learning, employer convenings and peer-to-peer groups.
- **Tools & resources:** State award of \$200,000 per state for participation and access to a hub of resources, toolkits and research.

Application Sections - Big Picture



Landscape Analysis Explained

1. Landscape Analysis

- **6 focus areas in landscape analysis**
 - Industry
 - Education
 - Policy
 - Programs
 - Partnerships
 - Infrastructure
- **Self ratings + short narratives**
- **Not scored** on “how high” the rating is

Core Team & Broader Coalition

5. Committed Project Team

- **Project Lead**
 - Lead applicant
 - Main point of contact
 - Does not have to be a state agency
- **Core Team:**
 - 4 – 6 members of cross-system representation
 - Apprenticeship
 - Education
 - Industry/Business
 - Workforce
 - Other
- **Broader Coalition:** advisory, working groups, targeted engagement
- **Information Needed:** names, title, agency, organization, contact info

Budget & Sustainability

7. Budget & Sustainability


- \$200,000 total to each state
- Allocated by federal fiscal year:
 - FFY 2026 (6/26 – 9/26): **\$50,000**
 - FFY 2027 (10/26 – 9/27): **\$70,000**
 - FFY 2028 (10/27 – 9/28): **\$70,000**
 - FFY 2029 (10/28 – 12/28): **\$10,000**
- Reimbursement basis; quarterly invoices and reports
- Details and formal agreements will be discussed after a state is selected
- Assume project lead agency is the recipient/administrator of the funds
- Funding may be allocated to partners at the state's discretion

Application Review & Selection

- **Application Due March 20th**
- **100 point rubric**
 - Landscape Analysis (35 points)
 - Statement of Need (10 points)
 - Commitment to expanding youth access for registered apprenticeships (15 points)
 - Demonstrated state-level commitment (10 points)
 - Committed Project Team (15 points)
 - Partner Engagement & Mobilization (10 points)
 - Budget & Sustainability (5 points)
- **Broadly representative cohort:** mixture geographically, state types, landscape profiles, experience-levels



What happens next?



March 20, 2026
Deadline for
application
submission

March - April
Applications
are reviewed
by the
Selection
Committee

Late April
States Notified
of selection
Status
(via Project
Lead)

May
Individual
State
Orientation
Sessions

June
Center State
Consortia
Kick-Off

Support During the Application Process



The Future Ready Apprenticeship Center (The Center) is supported by the U.S. Department of Labor. The project is 100% funded by \$12.5 million of federal funds. Of those funds, \$8.8 million is subawarded to CareerWise.

▀ [Center Application](#)

▀ [Application Worksheet](#)

▀ [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)

▀ [Interest Form](#)

▀ **Email support:**

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▀ **Information Sessions**

- Information Session Deck & Recorded sessions

▀ **Website:**

<https://www.careerwiseusa.org/futurereadyapprenticeshipcenter/>