

Promoting Youth Apprenticeship

We Are Looking For Collaborators

IWSI America, in cooperation with the Urban Institute and other experts in the field, is seeking partners to advance the apprenticeship talent development model across the country. We are inviting industry and business associations, workforce development boards, secondary and postsecondary institutions, employers and community-based organizations to join us in creating and growing work-based learning opportunities in a broad range of industries through the U.S. Department of Labor's new Youth Apprenticeship Intermediary Initiative.

About the Initiative

IWSI America, and its team, are participating in this five-year national initiative to grow registered youth apprenticeship. We will provide industry-specific expertise and administrative assistance to our partners who may not have the capacity or know-how to operate modern apprenticeship programs on their own. Programs will begin in high school (or serve out-of-school youth), continue after graduation and include postsecondary education. All will produce nationally-recognized industry-credentialed graduates and top talent.

The goals of this initiative are to:

- Create and expand rewarding career pathways for youth and young adults who earn and learn in school and on the job
- Facilitate employers' efforts to build their talent pipeline and eliminate skill shortages with high-quality training programs
- Help local and regional stakeholders establish a sustainable registered youth apprenticeship framework
- Increase the visibility of and investment in apprenticeship across the nation, including development of at least 10 new youth apprenticeship programs over the life of the initiative

Our Role

IWSI and its team will provide the following services to launch these efforts:

- Build strong collaborations between employers and schools to facilitate development and expansion of work-based learning programs
- Work with high schools and postsecondary institutions to create and structure both a well-defined schedule of learning (related technical instruction) and mentoring for quality apprenticeship programs
- Engage with employers to identify skills needs and construct customized talent pipelines through on-the-job training and related technical instruction to meet these needs
- Create peer learning networks and knowledge sharing opportunities to guide partners in building and operating their programs
- Stimulate students' and parents' interest in and create awareness of the nature and value of this lucrative career pathway
- Offer modest funding to help employers offset the start-up costs of registering a modern apprenticeship program

How To Get Involved

Our partners will come from a broad range of industries including: healthcare, transportation and logistics, cybersecurity, information and communications technology, hospitality, advanced manufacturing and other targeted high growth areas. We are casting a wide net and encouraging those interested to contact us.

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