Apprenticeships: Closing the Skills Gap (CSG) Grants Connection!

Special Edition

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Celebrate National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) November 15 - 21

National Apprenticeship Week Message

The Department of Labor announced the **seventh annual National Apprenticeship Week (NAW)**. This year’s NAW will take place from **November 15-21, 2021**.

Since NAW was launched seven years ago, NAW has spurred more than 5,000 events, 700 proclamations and 470,000 attendees across the country. The continued success of NAW in these past years is due in large part to our stakeholders’ efforts to diligently promote and highlight apprenticeship programs, events, and proclamations across the country.

Feel free to check out the updated NAW page on [apprenticeship.gov](http://apprenticeship.gov), which
includes updated resources such as a NAW factsheet, mailer, and editable flyers. Please register your events and proclamations, share the mailer, factsheet, and flyers with partners, and use #NAW2021 across social channels to share photos and proclamations – which will be linked to the Department’s social media. Any questions or comments about registrations can be emailed to NAW@dol.gov.

In addition to this year’s NAW, the Secretary announced the NAW dates through 2024! The dates are as follows: Nov. 14-20, 2022; Nov. 13-19, 2023 and Nov. 18-24, 2024.

Grantee National Apprenticeship Week Events

Electrical Training Alliance
Various locations of the Electrical Training Alliance are hosting NAW events, including the Oregon Pacific Cascade Chapter. They are hosting an Electrical Apprenticeship Info Night and Open House on November 18. More information regarding the event can be found here. To learn more about the Electrical Training Alliance visit: http://www.electricaltrainingalliance.org/.

Healthcare Career Advancement Program (HCAP)
HCAP is hosting a number of events throughout NAW including:

- Health Care Growing Talent Through Registered Apprenticeship Employer Forum (AR) on November 15.
- Registered Apprenticeship Healthcare Accelerator (TN) virtual webinar on November 16.
- Building Healthcare Registered Apprenticeships (NM) virtual webinar on November 16.
- OK Registered Apprenticeship Healthcare Accelerator virtual webinar on November 17.
- Registered Apprenticeship Healthcare Accelerator (TX) virtual webinar on November 18.
- To learn more about HCAP please visit: https://www.hcapinc.org/.

Ivy Tech Community College
Ivy Tech Community College is hosting an Apprenticeship Fair November 19. This event will provide job seekers with the opportunity to see live demonstrations on skilled trades, learn how apprenticeships can teach you a skilled trade while you earn money, and talk with industry representatives about how to become an apprentice. For more information and to register for the event visit: Fort Wayne Apprenticeships - Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana.

To learn more on Ivy Tech Community College's apprenticeship programs visit.
Arkansas Division of Higher Education

The Arkansas Division of Higher Education is hosting several events during NAW including A Day in the Life of an IT Software Developer on November 18. This event will show real life work experiences of a software developer and share more about the apprenticeship and the occupation. For more information regarding the event visit: Day in the Life: November 2021 | ACDS

Helpful Links

- Apprenticeships: Closing the Skills Gap (CSG) Community of Practice
- US Department of Labor NAW Information
- 2020 NAW Summary

Practitioners Guide to Supportive Services

On October 15, 2021 the Department published Training and Employment Notice (TEN ) 12-21 Practitioners Guide to Supportive Services

This guide aims to assist workforce professionals with quickly and accurately locating emergency and long-term resources that can help to increase the economic stability of workforce program customers. It includes information on rental assistance, supports for utilities and broadband, childcare, the child tax credit, earned income tax credit, nutrition and food security, health care resources, and legal aid, among others.

We hope you find this information useful as you work with your participants and move them through their training programs.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, please reach out to your Federal Program Officer (FPO).

Dates to Remember
Provide content for future e-newsletters!
Do you have a featured news story, recommendations for items to feature, or other feedback? We’re here to share and help! Reach out to your coach or let us know at closingskillsgap@dol.gov

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