



Career Connect Washington believes there are many pathways to economic success and life fulfillment.

Every day, Career Connect Washington bridges the gap between employers and educators by providing the connection, funding, and support they need to deliver high quality academic and work-based experiences for Washington students, especially those furthest from opportunity.

When everyone has the opportunity to explore and the power to choose their own future, Washington thrives.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

"I think that this program has been incredible and it's something I'd recommend to anyone who wants to work in healthcare. The learning environment is something new and one that I haven't even experienced in regular schooling, and I've loved it even with the heavier workload. I am infinitely grateful, and I would hope that they continue to provide this opportunity in the future." - Alina, Participant in Healthcare Career Launch, Pierce County

TRACK RECORD OF SUCCESS

12,826 total new enrollees (Summer 2019-Winter 2021)

9 Regional Networks established to serve as career connected learning hubs in their regions

33 Intermediaries funded to expand or develop **67** programs in manufacturing, agriculture, automotive maintenance, construction, health care, hospitality, information technology, and maritime trades

94 Career Launch programs approved¹ since 2019, of which **33** Apprenticeship programs registered by the Washington State Apprenticeship & Training Council

150+ businesses employing students in endorsed Career Launch programs

Online Directory of Career Connected Learning opportunities launched Spring 2021, a one-stop resource to find internships, registered apprenticeships, and work-based learning opportunities

To date, \$19 million in public funds have been distributed across all nine CCW regions to expand career connected learning. Employers in the CCW system are estimated to contribute over \$228 million for wages and supervision of participants each year. The CCW Advisory Team is supported by philanthropic funders that contributed \$5.2 million between 2018 and 2021. Full details are available in the [2021 Legislative Report](#).

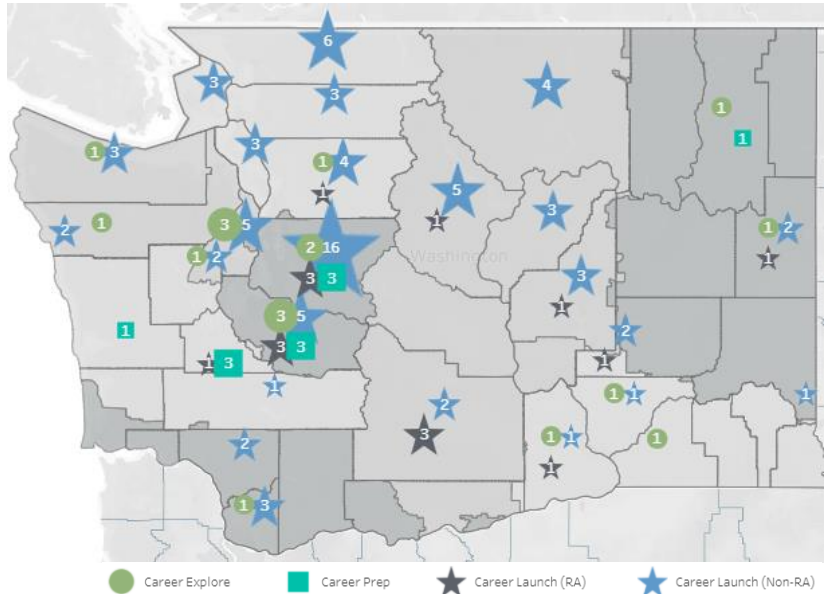
There is great momentum behind Career Connect Washington across the state, connecting young people to college and career. Education beyond high school and meaningful connection with industry are essential for young people to reconnect as the state recovers from the impacts of COVID-19. College enrollment is down and it is critical that we provide a variety of credential and degree pathways for students to be successful.

Career Connect Washington Vision and Commitment to Equity

Our vision is that every young adult in Washington will have multiple pathways toward economic self-sufficiency and fulfillment, strengthened by a comprehensive state-wide system for career connected learning. In order for every young adult to succeed, we must intentionally focus on populations furthest from opportunity especially students of color, Indigenous students, low-income students, rural students, and students with disabilities. We acknowledge that systemic racism has held students back, especially Black and Indigenous students, and we aspire to build an anti-racist system for career connected learning.

CONNECTING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE

- New programs in high-demand fields like technology, healthcare, and life sciences – [programs and funding in every region of the state](#).
- Grant funded Regional Networks, program builders, and career connected learning coordinators produce rapid results.
- Career Launch participants represent diversity of the state; [data tracking](#) shows areas for improvement and [equity survey](#) points to opportunity for more student support.
- [State of Innovation Challenge](#) created virtual content in response to COVID-19 pandemic.
- New [Career Connected Learning Directory](#) provides a one-stop resource to find opportunities statewide across Career Explore, Career Prep, and Career Launch.



SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET PRIORITY ITEMS

The Governor's FY23 supplemental budget proposes new funds to expand career connected learning programs for youth in high demand fields, 4-year institutions.

- **\$3M – Increasing opportunities for career connected learning in high-demand sectors**
Competitive grant funding to industry sector program builders to create new and scale existing programs in sectors vital to Washington's pandemic recovery and our state's zero net carbon future. Focus sectors include CleanTech/Energy, IT/Cybersecurity, Advanced Manufacturing/Aerospace, Healthcare, Maritime, Education, Construction, and Banking/Finance.
- **\$2M – Growing Career Launch programs and enrollment within four-year institutions**
Competitive grant funding available to public and private four-year year institutions to support program and enrollment expansion. Funding will support staff and faculty to work within and across universities to cultivate new and scale existing programs, support student enrollment once a program is endorsed as Career Launch.

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