

Professional Development Resources

for Virginia's Title I Workforce Development Professionals (09/01/2022)

[Virginia Career Works Practitioner's Corner](#) – Provides the Virginia Board of Workforce Development (VBWD) policies, Virginia Workforce Letter (VWL) guidance documents, and general resources and tools.

[Virginia WIOA Title I Case Manager Learning & Resource Manual PY 2019 Edition](#) – Provides an overview of the Title 1 program components and primary activities for case managers.

[Sector Strategies and Career Pathways Academy \(SSCPA\)](#) - The Sector Strategies and Career Pathways Academy (SSCPA) is a statewide initiative to provide professional development for Virginia's workforce professionals to further operationalize career pathways and sector strategies in the Commonwealth. The Academy consists of two components:

- **Academy:** In-person class and online curriculum that explains the “what,” “why” and “how-to” of sector strategies and career pathways.
- **Community of Practice:** An online forum/website where Virginia's workforce professionals and stakeholders can share practical experiences, tools and emerging best practices.

[United States Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration](#) (USDOLETA) - The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) administers federal government job training and worker dislocation programs, federal grants to states for public employment service programs, and unemployment insurance benefits. These services are primarily provided through state and local workforce development systems.

[Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 \(WIOA\)](#) – The USDOLETA maintains this webpage with information about the WIOA laws, regulations, supporting guidance, and resources. WIOA is landmark legislation that is designed to strengthen and improve our nation's public workforce system and help get Americans, including youth and those with significant barriers to employment, into high-quality jobs and careers and help employers hire and retain skilled workers.

[WorkforceGPS](#) – The USDOLETA provides this online technical assistance website that contains curated communities of interest, useful webinars and other training resources, promising workforce development practices, and relevant evidence-based research – the site requires a login, but it is free.

[National Association of Workforce Development Professionals \(NAWDP\)](#) – A professional association representing individual workforce development and human resources practitioners, who connect jobseekers, educators and companies to advance the American economy, provides a variety of resources including technical assistance, training, certification, vendor information, RFP information, events, and networking opportunities.

[National Career Development Association \(NCDA\)](#) – A professional association that provides professional development, publications, standards, and advocacy to practitioners and educators who inspire and empower individuals to achieve their career and life goals.

[National Skills Coalition \(NSC\)](#) - A national organization fighting for inclusive, high-quality skills training so that people have access to a better life, and local businesses see sustained growth. NSC engages in analysis and technical assistance, organizing, advocacy, and communications to improve state and federal skills policies.