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**To:** Chief Elected Officials  
Workforce Development Board Chairs  
Workforce Development Board Directors  
Title I Administrators  
Career Center Directors  
Title I Fiscal Officers  
DCS Operations Managers

**cc:** WIOA State Partners

**From:** Alice Sweeney, Director  
Department of Career Services

**Date:** April 25, 2018

**Subject:** Free Resources for Apprenticeship & Work-based Learning - Webinar

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**Purpose:** To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of the WorkforceGPS webinar: [Free Resources for Apprenticeship & Work-based Learning](#), Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 4:00.

**Background:** Community colleges and others engaged in career and technical education and training programs are thinking outside of the box when it comes to expanding apprenticeship programs across sectors, including health care, information technology, and manufacturing. To achieve this, colleges need tools and information that demonstrate both the process and the value of these programs. The SkillsCommons IMPACTcommunity provides a free “Apprenticeship Implementation Toolkit,” which was developed by Missoula College-University of Montana, lead for the Montana HealthCARE (Creating Access to Rural Education) grant. In this webinar, participants will learn about the many resources included in this toolkit, such as sample registration documents, employer handouts, an Introduction to Pre-Apprenticeship guide, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act resources, sample trade schedules for healthcare occupations, a standards template, and apprentice checklists, agreements, and consent forms.

The webinar will also showcase a step-by-step guide to establishing degree-bearing, competency-based, registered apprenticeship programs, which was developed by Great Falls College-Montana State University, lead for the Strengthening Workforce Alignment in Montana's Manufacturing and Energy Industries grant. In this webinar, participants will learn how to use this guide, as well as become familiar with the research conducted to develop it.

This webinar is the last in a webinar series showcasing strategies and resources developed by community colleges that are of broad interest to educational institutions engaged in career-focused education and training. Previous webinars (available as recordings) explored making industry experts into expert instructors to increase student success, scaling career pathways in Wisconsin, resources for developmental education using competency-based education, affordable learning solutions, and sustaining grant-funded projects for long-term success. For more information, please visit: Innovations Leading to Career Success Webinar Series.

The material featured here and the many resources available on SkillsCommons were produced by grantees of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) program, a collaboration between the US Department of Labor and the US Department of Education.

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**Requested:** Please share with staff and partners as appropriate.