

# REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP: STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AND SYSTEM ALIGNMENT

Labor markets, educational systems and workforce priorities are undergoing seismic changes.

To better address current and projected workforce needs in California and nationwide, Safal Partners and the California Workforce Association (CWA) are teaming up to lead work improving alignment of workforce, education, and Registered Apprenticeship (RA) through the USDOL RA Technical Assistance (TA) Center of Excellence (CoE).

## THE WORK

### Focus of CoE:

- Develop sustainable partnerships for workforce, education, and employer alignment
- Provide TA on a national scope
- Engage key stakeholders for policy recommendations and other TA work
- Coordinate with federal & state investments

**Approach:** The Center will develop a state leadership team to help lead work in identifying and disseminating proven local innovation in strategic partnerships and system alignment to support the increase of RA integration in workforce and education while advancing system alignment on a national scale. Our partnership with CWA will result in TA products and services for national dissemination through a series of action-oriented convenings, surveys, website, and calls for Best Practices.

In addition to CWA as our lead CA state partner, Safal leads a consortium of five national partners:

- National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP)
- Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA)
- Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE)
- National Disability Institute (NDI)
- FASTPORT



# WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR CALIFORNIA?

Beginning in **May 2022 at CWA's WorkCon** we will host a visioning and action planning session for staff and leadership from all system levels, including partners (industry, education, etc.). During this session participants will **receive** new CoE data demonstrating how apprenticeship is being used in all 50 states, **learn** which WDBs are leading RA work in the California, and **gain** technical assistance to help your board begin or more effectively use apprenticeship as a workforce tool for your local businesses.

Everyone will be able to network with peers who are just getting started, those who have begun pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship work, or are RA leaders. A visioning and "next steps" component will help you consider what the immediate future of apprenticeship could look like in your area and practical action steps to take at WorkCon and back home.

**But that's only the beginning!** CoE convening sessions for the North, Central and South areas of California will give everyone a chance to join with partner organizations, industry leaders, and staff to address what you could do, should do, and will do to improve system alignment and strategic partnerships as a part of Registered Apprenticeship at the state and local level. Let us know you are interested in attending [here!](#)

These interactive sessions are meant to help you move Registered Apprenticeship forward in your area, but also gives you the ability to relay policy/guideline recommendations to state and federal apprenticeship offices.

**Watch for announcements for the upcoming regional dates!**

## JOIN NOW!

We are looking for leaders from industry, workforce, education, and state and local government to join our work. As a CoE partner you will be able to:

- gain valuable no-cost access to TA and data for your staff on apprenticeship
- network and collaborate with other stakeholder partners
- inform state and federal policy
- present and access best practices
- be notified of apprenticeship-related upcoming events and announcements at the national and state level
- be recognized nationally for your leadership in this space

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### Who We Are

Safal Partners, a nationally-recognized technical assistance leader and consulting firm working at the nexus of workforce and education, was awarded the USDOL grant to lead the RA TA Center for Strategic Partnerships and System Alignment.



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