

## THE STATE OF WORKPLACE EDUCATION IN THE STATES COLORADO

### Funding

- Over \$100,000 state funding allocated under WIA Title II
- 100% of the funding from federal resources.
- Employers contribute through targeted funding.

### Current Initiative's

- Workplace education is performed as a local provider option. Workplace education is highly supported by the Colorado Department of Education / Center for At-Risk Education / Adult Education and Family Literacy grant proposal, but it is not mandatory.
- There have been several attempts in the past to make workplace education a tax incentive to businesses, but it has not yet succeeded.

### Barriers to Workplace Education

- Colorado does not appropriate any state funding for workplace or adult education.

### Location of programs

- 90% of programs are offered in the workplace.

### Responsibility for implementation at the local level

- LEA's
- Community Colleges
- Workforce Centers
- Employers
- Adult education providers

### Support Services

- Training
- Curriculum development
- Marketing
- Partnership-Building (i.e. brokering with state associations)
- Policies and support for one-stops

### One-Stop Connections

- Recently, workforce regions have become active in answering workplace education requests from their local business partners.

### Workplace Education Program Qualities

States	State Partners	Student Enrollment	State Staff	State Led Effort
Colorado	BOCES (Board of Cooperative Services), Colorado Community College System, Colorado Department of Human Services - TANF, Colorado Department of	5%	Contractual	No

	<p>Labor &amp; Employment,  Department of Corrections,  Even Start / Family Literacy  Providers, Faith-based  communities, K-12 LEAs  [NCLB efforts], One-stop  directors, Locally elected  officials, Private employers,  Rural and urban workforce  development boards, Colorado  State Board of Education, State  libraries, and Office of  Workforce Development</p>			
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**Additional Information Available:** Colorado has provided a brief attachment describing their Workforce Education program in detail and highlighting examples of the types of programs offered.