



## March 2026 Workforce & Economic Development Division Program Updates

### ❖ Workforce & Economic Development Division Resources

- [WEDD Program Updates and Newsletters](#)
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### ❖ California Adult Education Program (CAEP)

- FY 2026-27 CAEP preliminary allocations have been released, including a \$16.10M cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase. For more information, please visit the links below:
  - [FY 2026-27 CAEP Preliminary Allocations Schedule](#)
  - [FY 2026-27 CAEP Preliminary Allocations Release Memo](#)
- **English Language Learner (ELL) Healthcare Pathways**
  - Round 3 ELL HP [Request for Application \(RFA\)](#) is now available on the [Chancellor's Office CAEP webpage](#) under the ELL Healthcare Pathways accordion.
    - Recorded Bidder's Conference is available on the [Chancellor's Office CAEP webpage](#).
  - ELL HP technical assistance support has been launched. Visit the CAEP [caladulthood.org](http://caladulthood.org) [event webpage](#) to sign up for virtual office hours, webinars, and community practice upcoming events.
- **CAEP Technical Assistance Project (TAP) Events**
  - **March 23, 2026**
    - [ELL Healthcare Pathways Southern California Regional Event](#)
    - **Time:** 9:00 a.m.
- Please address any questions to [caep@cccco.edu](mailto:caep@cccco.edu).

### ❖ Apprenticeship

- **California Apprenticeship Initiative (CAI)**
  - The Foundation for California Community Colleges and the LAUNCH Apprenticeship Network have been contracted by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's

Office to provide technical assistance to apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs. The Foundation will support general technical assistance needs and can be reached at [apprenticeshipsupportnetwork@foundationccc.org](mailto:apprenticeshipsupportnetwork@foundationccc.org), while LAUNCH will provide specialized support in areas such as employer engagement and program sponsorship and can be reached at [justin@launchapprenticeship.org](mailto:justin@launchapprenticeship.org).

- The Apprenticeship Team meets twice monthly on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Each session will provide a short overview of a topic, cover frequently asked questions, and open the floor for participant Q&A. General sessions remain open for any apprenticeship-related questions or technical assistance. Below is a prospective list of topics to be discussed during upcoming meetings (subject to change):
  - **March 10, 2026** – General Questions from the Field
  - **March 24, 2026** – Resources for Developing Programs: DAS and Intermediaries
  - **April 14, 2026** – RSI Reimbursement Program Reporting
  - **April 28, 2026** – General Questions from the Field
  - **May 12, 2026** – CAI Grant: Closeout and Reporting
  - **May 26, 2026** – General Questions from the Field
  - **June 9, 2026** – Program Sustainability
  - **June 23, 2026** – General Questions from the Field
  
- Apprenticeship toolkits are now available in the resources section of [our webpage](#).
  
- The California Community College Chancellor’s Office, Foundation for California Community Colleges, Rancho Santiago Community College District, and LAUNCH Apprenticeship Network are hosting **the Statewide Convening on Community College Apprenticeship Program Creation & Expansion, March 19–20, 2026, in Costa Mesa, CA**. This engaging, informative two-day convening is designed to support California Community College apprenticeship stakeholders at all levels of designing, implementing, and expanding Registered Apprenticeship Programs that meet the state’s evolving workforce needs.
  - Participants will have the opportunity to network with peers, hear about best and promising practices from subject-matter experts, use tools to support campus- and regional-level planning, and engage in conversations with employers.
  
  - In addition to the organizers, participants will hear from Santiago Canyon College, Mapping Articulated Pathways (MAP), the Centers of Excellence, the Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS), the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), and industry leaders. They will share actionable insights on:
    - Different program models
    - Campus-level decision making around capacity, curricula, and partnerships
    - Leveraging Credit for Prior Learning
    - Using labor market information (LMI)

- Employer engagement

**Event Schedule:**

- **Day 1:** March 19, 2026, 10:00 am - 4:15 pm, with breakfast starting at 9:00 a.m.
- **Evening Reception:** March 19, 2026, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- **Day 2:** March 20, 2026, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., with breakfast starting at 7:30 a.m.
- **Event Location:** [Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa](#) in Costa Mesa, CA
- **Register Now – No Cost!**

- Please review the CCCC [Apprenticeship Course and Student Coding Guidance memo](#) carefully to ensure that apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship courses and students are appropriately coded in your local systems. Accurate use of SAM course codes (e.g., CB09 = A for apprenticeship courses) and correct student apprenticeship status coding (SB23) is essential for reliable statewide reporting, compliance with funding rules, and proper alignment with DAS registration requirements. Misclassification can lead to reporting errors, missed funding opportunities, and challenges in measuring program outcomes.

- Please address any questions to [apprenticeship@cccco.edu](mailto:apprenticeship@cccco.edu).

❖ **Economic and Workforce Development (EWD)**

- **Reporting for the Industry Driven Regional Collaborative Grants –**

A guidance memo will be distributed to all Industry Driven Regional Collaborative (IDRC) Grant Directors outlining the reporting requirements for the first quarter progress update, which will be due April 30, 2026. The memo will provide instructions for documenting implementation progress and providing an initial update on six-month objectives.

All IDRC grant agreements have now been fully executed, and invoicing and advance payments have been processed to districts. If a college has not received a copy of its fully executed grant agreement or has not yet submitted the invoice required for the advance payment, please contact the EWD program mailbox at [ewd@cccco.edu](mailto:ewd@cccco.edu) for assistance.

- Please address any questions to Katie Gilks at [kgilks@cccco.edu](mailto:kgilks@cccco.edu) or Abigail Singleton at [asingleton@cccco.edu](mailto:asingleton@cccco.edu).

## ❖ High Road Construction Careers (HRCC) Partnerships Grants

- **Announcements**
  - **Round 1** grantees have received a no-cost extension for their grants to end on **September 30, 2026** (the same end date as the **Round 2** grants).
- **Upcoming Dates**
  - **April 30, 2026:** 2025-26 Q3 fiscal reports (in NOVA) are due for Round 1 grantees.
- **Please address any questions to Cheri Fortin at [cfortin@cccco.edu](mailto:cfortin@cccco.edu) and Regina Malcolm at [rmalcolm@cccco.edu](mailto:rmalcolm@cccco.edu).**

## ❖ Strong Workforce Program (SWP)

- Fiscal Reporting due **February 15, 2026**
  - **FY 2025-26 Allocation**
    - Year 1 Q2
    - **Activity Period:** July 1, 2025 – Dec. 31, 2025
  - **FY 2024-25 Allocation**
    - Year 2 Q2
    - **Activity Period:** July 1, 2025 – Dec. 31, 2025
  - **FY 2022-23/FY 2023-24 Allocations**
    - Project Plans with approved extensions
    - **Activity Period:** July 1, 2025 – Dec. 31, 2025
- Extensions
  - FY 2023/24 extensions beyond 12/31/2025 expire on **6/30/2026**. Final Fiscal reporting **due by 8/15/2026**.
  - FY 2024/25: Extensions are not being considered for the allocation expenditure timeframe. Funds expire on **6/30/2026**. Final fiscal reporting is **due by 8/15/2026**.
- Unallocated and unspent balances are reported to the Legislative Analyst Office and Department of Finance as requested. Please ensure all fiscal reporting is up to date in NOVA.
- Update to **[Student Equity Plan and Strong Workforce Program Metrics](#)** memo released 1/28/2026.
- **Please address any questions to [strongworkforcehelpdesk@cccco.edu](mailto:strongworkforcehelpdesk@cccco.edu)**

## ❖ K12 Strong Workforce Program (SWP)

- FY 2025-26 RFA Intent to Award memo was released January 9, 2026.

- **K12 Strong Workforce Program FY 2025-26 Round 8 - Intent to Award**
- FY 2025-26 Round 8B
  - Inland Empire/Desert Regional Consortium (IEDRC) and North Far North Regional Consortium (NFN) will conduct a Round 8B application process.
  - Application period opens January 12, 2026, and closes **February 27, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**
  - Application review concludes **March 31, 2026.**
  - Awards announced by **April 10, 2026.**
- Round 6 FY023-24 Reporting
  - Fourth Progress and Expenditure Report
    - Reporting Period: July 2025 through December 2025.
    - Due February 28, 2026.
- Round 7 FY2024-25 Reporting
  - Second Progress and Expenditure Report
    - Reporting Period: July 2025 through December 2025
    - Due February 27, 2026.
- **Please address any questions to [k12swp@cccoco.edu](mailto:k12swp@cccoco.edu).**

#### ❖ **Nursing and Allied Health**

- **Allied Health**
  - No updates currently.
- **Nursing**
  - No updates currently.
- **Please address any questions to [nursingapps@cccoco.edu](mailto:nursingapps@cccoco.edu).**

#### ❖ **Perkins V**

- **Title I-C Local Assistance**
  - **Q2 Reporting is past due:**
    - A note to pending districts: failure to submit the Q1 & Q2 report will cause delay in receiving reimbursement and may result in a **Perkins funding risk assessment**. The district should reach out to the appropriate **Regional Monitor** with any questions and/or concerns regarding this submission date.

- [FY 2026-27 Perkins Headcount Certification in NOVA Memorandum](#) was released, sharing headcount certification updates as well as key dates for Perkins Title I-C Application.
- **FY 2026-27 CLNA and Title I-C Local Application:**  
As a reminder, districts are required to submit their updated CLNA within their FY 2026-27 local application on Friday, May 29, 2026. Please refer to the current guidance as also posted on the Perkins website:
  - [Perkins FY 2026-27 Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment Guidance Memorandum \(PDF\)](#), November 24, 2025
  - [Perkins V CLNA Reporting Framework for California Community Colleges \(Template\) \(PDF\)](#)
  - [Appendix C: Key Questions to Ask](#)
- Please address any questions to [perkinssupport@cccco.edu](mailto:perkinssupport@cccco.edu)
- ❖ **Regional Collaboration and Coordination Grant (Round 2)**
  - Grant to begin July 1, 2026
  - Awardees have been announced:
    - [Regional Collaboration and Coordination Grant \(Round 2\) 2026-29 Intent to Award.](#)
  - RFA Resources are available on our [WEDD Grant Opportunities](#) website.
  - Please address questions to [regionalcoordination@cccco.edu](mailto:regionalcoordination@cccco.edu)
- ❖ **Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships (RERP)**
  - **Announcements**
    - RERP grant ended on **September 30, 2025**. All grant deliverables are now overdue. If any of the following items are outstanding, please submit them right away:
      - End of Term report in NOVA
      - Final student-level data submission
      - Final invoice (please do not submit this until all other grant deliverables have been met)
    - Final NOVA report, student-level data, and invoices were due **October 31, 2025**.
  - Please address any questions to Cheri Fortin at [cfortin@cccco.edu](mailto:cfortin@cccco.edu) and Regina Malcolm at [rmalcolm@cccco.edu](mailto:rmalcolm@cccco.edu).