

Center of Excellence (COE) Program Overview



CENTER OF EXCELLENCE
FOR LABOR MARKET RESEARCH
CENTRAL VALLEY/MOTHER LODE



STATE CENTER
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Who We Are:

Our mission: We are the leading source of regional workforce information and insights for California Community Colleges.

We Serve:

Community colleges, universities, employers and industry, regional/local economic development agencies, the public workforce system, and non-profit organizations.

What We Do:

Provide up-to-date, customized labor market data on high-growth, emerging, and economically vital industries and occupations. We lead workforce and adult learner pathway research initiatives aligned to meet local and regional needs.

Regional Initiatives:

Create strategic pathways by providing diverse and accessible data visualizations that highlight the region's greatest challenges, needs, and successes, in order to foster alignment between higher education and the workforce.

Career Technical Education (CTE)

Courses (high school level) and programs (postsecondary level) that focus on preparing the workforce across a wide range of industries and occupations.

Strong Workforce

Supports students at the K12 level by helping to create, support, and improve CTE and implementing 9-12 CTE courses.

Adult Education (SCAEC)

Educational opportunities, services, and programs to equip adults with the knowledge and skills required in a competitive economy for a better quality of life.

Dual Enrollment

Collaboration between secondary and post-secondary education that allows students to take college classes while pursuing a high school diploma or equivalent.

Work-Based Learning/ Apprenticeships

Educational strategy that connects classroom learning with the workplace to help students develop skills for the work force and postsecondary education.

Our Impact:

The COE is part of a statewide network that provides high level regional workforce research throughout the Central Valley Mother Lode region. Our research helps community colleges make informed decisions and develop relevant resources for their programs.