

PWR News – February 2025

From the Office of Postsecondary & Workforce Readiness (PWR)



FEATURED ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024-25 Regional Trainings are a Wrap!

A big thank you to all who attended our PWR Regional Trainings this year! You welcomed us into your communities and were open to learning about seeing ICAP in a new way.

Fun Facts:

- We held trainings in six locations across the state: Durango, Glenwood Springs, Lamar, Greeley, Denver, and Colorado Springs
- 63.5% of Colorado districts attended (113 out of 178)
- 632 total attendees

We worked hard to create the content, collaborate with others, and listen to your needs. We are proud of this regional approach to meet you where you are.

See you next year!

Michelle, Marina, Robin, Alena, Erica, Jennicca, Brooke, Sami, Eivi, Cassandra, and Alexa

National School Counseling Week – Feb. 3-7

February 3 through 7, 2025 is National School Counseling Week, and CDE's School Counseling Specialists are recognizing Colorado school counselors who were nominated for their outstanding work under the School Counselor Corps Grant. [See the recognitions here.](#)

National School Counseling Week is meant to focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors across the country. This year's theme is *School Counseling: Helping Students Thrive.*

[Check resources and social media campaigns on the American School Counselor Association's website.](#)

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAREER DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM (CDIP)

CDIP Webinar – Feb. 11 @ 2pm

Join us for a CDIP Webinar hosted in partnership with the Colorado Workforce Development Council to learn about the 2024-25 CDIP program updates, how they relate to accountability, as well as a review of newly approved certifications, removals, and updated guidance on apprenticeships. [Register for the CDIP Webinar](#).

Questions? Contact [Eivi Colmenero](#)

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

Concurrent Enrollment Expansion & Innovation Grant – Due Mar. 31

The application for the 2025-26 CEEI Grant will be available February 7 with a Q&A webinar to be held on February 25. The application will be due March 31. [Check the CEEI website](#) for resources and to learn more.

Questions? Contact [Cassandra Córdova](#)

FAFSA/CASFA GRANT

New Round of Funding Coming Soon

A seventh round of funding will be available soon. Check the [FAFSA/CASFA Completion website](#) to learn more.

Questions? Contact [Cassandra Córdova](#)

SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORPS GRANT

2025-26 Application Open – due Feb. 27

The SCCG Request for Application (RFA) is open and will close on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 4:00PM. [See resources and instructions for applying on the SCCG Funding page](#).

Questions? Contact [Brooke Morgan](#) or [Jennicca Mabe](#)

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CDHE Educator Financial Trainings – Feb. 13 & Feb. 28

To increase statewide FAFSA and CASFA completion rates, the Colorado Department of Higher Education is offering financial literacy training options aligned with financial aid information, federal and state application processes, and underlying financial literacy principles. While trainings are open to any professional to receive the one-time \$500 stipend, participants must be a Local Education Provider (LEP) working with grades 9-12. Participants receive six continuing education credits. [Register for a training here.](#)

Training Dates and Locations:

- Northern Region
 - Thursday, Feb. 13 | 9 am to 3 pm | Aims Community College, Greeley (a few openings left)
- Southern Region
 - Friday, Feb. 28 | 9 am to 3 pm | Adams State University, Alamosa

Attendance Challenge

CDE is joining an effort led by Attendanceworks, EdTrust, American Enterprise Institute, and 14 other states to reduce chronic absenteeism by 50% over the next five years.

Schools and districts are invited to join CDE in these efforts to reduce chronic absenteeism. Participants will be highlighted as CDE shares effective practices and efforts across the state. We have 13 districts and 10 schools who have joined already! [Join the attendance challenge here.](#)

New Broadband Career Pathway for High School Graduates and Equivalency Completers

The Governor's Office of Information Technology has launched a new career pathway for broadband, which includes jobs such as construction, telecommunications, fiber splicing, locating, technician, and more. Many of these positions are learn-and-earn jobs meant to help people advance their careers while earning up to \$70,000-\$80,000 per year. Recent high school graduates, high school equivalency completers, and adult Coloradans alike are invited to apply to jobs in these high-paying, long-term careers across Colorado.

Look for open positions on [My Colorado Journey](#) or learn more about this pathway initiative from the [Colorado Broadband Office](#).

Professional Learning Series for K12 Educators and Staff

Join CDE's Office of Standards and Instructional Support for Webinar Wednesdays, a free professional learning series for K12 educators and staff focusing on innovative instruction, including the new AI, Digital Citizenship, and Cybersecurity standards. Sessions are held every Wednesday from 4:00-5:00pm MT. While sessions are recorded, professional learning certificates are only available for live attendance. Registration is not required but you may use [this sign-up link](#) to see the full schedule of topics.

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