California Community Colleges

April 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)

- CAEP Deliverable Deadlines:
  - **May 4:** CFAD for 2026-27 due in NOVA
  - **Jun3 1:** 25/26 Member Expense Report due in NOVA (Q3)
  - **Jun3 30**: 25/26 Member Expense Report certified by Consortia in NOVA (Q3)
  - **August 15:** Annual Plan for 2026-27 due in NOVA

- **English Language Learner (ELL) Healthcare Pathways**
  - **March 31:** Round 2, Year 2, Q2 Due
  - **April 30:** Round 2 Extension Request Deadline. See Guidance Memo for further details.
  - Round 3 RFA application window is now closed. The Chancellor's Office expects to announce awards in May 2026.
  - Visit the CAEP **caladulted.org event webpage** to sign up for upcoming events, including virtual office hours, webinars, and community of practice convenings.

- **CAEP Technical Assistance Project (TAP) Events**

  - **April 16, 2026**
    - **ELL Healthcare Pathways Virtual Open Office Hours**
    - **Time:** 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

  - **April 21, 2026**
    - **ELL Healthcare Pathways NOVA Technical Assistance On-Demand Open Office Hours**
    - **Time:** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

  - **April 24, 2026**
    - **Consortium Bylaws and Governance PLC**
    - **Time:** 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

- **May 5, 2026**
  - **ELL Healthcare Community of Practice: Apprenticeships**
  - **Time:** 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

- **May 6, 2026**
  - **Tracking Progress on CAEP Instruction, Retention, and Persistence**
  - **Time:** 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

- **Please address any questions to 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**, while LAUNCH will provide specialized support in areas such as employer engagement and program sponsorship and can be reached at **justin@launchapprenticeship.org**. Please feel free to work directly with your LAUNCH Regional Apprenticeship Manager for additional support.

  - 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, although we welcome general questions during any of our office hour sessions. Below is a prospective list of topics to be discussed during upcoming meetings:
    - **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 and the Foundation for California Community Colleges is holding the CAI Community of Practice Session, Designing Pre-Apprenticeship Pathways on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. This interactive session will support apprenticeship stakeholders in designing equitable, scalable, and high-quality pre-apprenticeship pathways that create meaningful on-ramps into Registered Apprenticeship Programs. Participants will engage with statfield and, explore effective models from the field, and participate in hands-on activities that

support program readiness and design. Participants will have the opportunity to connect with peers and receive support from the Chancellor's Office and Foundation for California Community Colleges. Logistics and registration details are included below.

- **Date:** Tuesday, April 21, 2026
- **Time:** 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (lunch provided from 12:00–1:00 p.m.)
- **Location:** Hyatt Regency Sacramento, 1209 L St, Sacramento, CA 95814 in Regency DEF
- **Audience: CAI grantees**
- **Register Here**
- Participants are encouraged to attend with colleagues or partners when possible to support shared planning and implementation. We look forward to your participation on April 21, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact our team at apprenticeshipsupportnetwork@foundationccc.org.

➢ **CAI Learning Lab –** ***Infrastructure Increases Impact: Building Capacity to Support Apprenticeship***

Save the date for this one-day Learning Lab on **June 12, 2026, in San Diego**, with an **optional site visit on June 11th**. Designed for CAI grantees and apprenticeship stakeholders, this convening will explore the infrastructure, systems, and support needed to build successful and sustainable apprenticeship programs.

➢ Please review the CCCCO **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.**

❖ Economic and Workforce Development (EWD)

- **Reminder:** IDRC grants first quarter reporting **due April 30, 2026.**

- **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** for assistance.

- **Please address any questions to Katie Gilks at kgilks@cccco.edu or Abigail Singleton at 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 and Regina Malcolm at rmalcolm@cccco.edu.**

❖ Strong Workforce Program (SWP)

- **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.

- **Fiscal Reporting due August 15, 2026**
  - 2025-26 Allocation
    - Year 1, Q4
    - Activity Period: January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026
  - 2024-25 Allocation
    - Year 2, Q4 and Final
    - Activity Period: January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026

- **Please address any questions to strongworkforcehelpdesk@cccco.edu**

❖ K12 Strong Workforce Program (SWP)

- **FY 2025-26 Round 8B**
  - Round 8B process is complete. Award memo currently in development.

- **Reporting**
  - 8/29/2026 – First Progress and Expenditure Report Due (January 2025 – June 2025)

- **DataVista Office Hours**
  - The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and WestEd DataVista team will be hosting office hours on **April 30th** at **12:00 pm.** A portion of the session will be tailored to the K12 Strong Workforce Program (SWP) report, followed by time dedicated to general DataVista questions. All audiences are welcome. Please join us if you have a question or need support related to DataVista. If you have any questions or need help with anything related to DataVista.
    - **Date:** Thursday, April 30
    - **Time:** 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. PST
    - **Location:** Via Zoom – access the link on our **News and Events page**.

- **Please address any questions to k12swp@cccco.edu.**

❖ Nursing and Allied Health

- **Allied Health**
  - No updates currently.

- **Nursing**
  - No updates currently.

- **Please address any questions to nursingapps@cccco.edu.**

❖ Perkins V

- **Reminder Regarding Prohibited Use of Federal Grants Funds for Lobbying and Allowable Membership Costs.**
  - Under the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (commonly referred to as the Uniform Guidance), lobbying costs are unallowable charges to a federal award. Specifically, 2 C.F.R. § 200.450 prohibits the use of grant funds for lobbying activities, including influencing activities associated with obtaining grants or attempting to influence, either directly or indirectly, an employee or officer of the executive branch of the Federal

Government to give consideration or to act regarding a Federal award or a regulatory matter. **(Click here for details)**

- **Consequences for Noncompliance :** Failure to comply with these provisions may result in disallowed costs, audit findings, program reviews, and additional oversight or enforcement actions by the Department up to the termination of your grant.

- **Perkins Headcount report 1 &2 for Local Allocation of Funds, FY 2026-27**
  - Statewide Perkins participation reached 631,055 students in FY 2026-27, the highest level in six years and exceeding pre-pandemic enrollment benchmarks.
  - As California's 116 community colleges continue to serve roughly 2.5 million students, nearly half (47%) of California community college students enroll in CTE across 16 career clusters, with Perkins funds supporting a significant share of economically disadvantaged learners.
  - Reports 1 & 2 will be available as an attachment with memo announcing the FY2026-27 Perkins IC application.

- **Title I-C Local Assistance**
  - Q3 Reporting is **due April 15.**
    - A note to all districts: Failure to submit quarterly reporting in a timely manner will cause delay in receiving reimbursement and may result in a Perkins funding risk assessment. The district should reach out to regional monitor regarding any questions and/or concerns regarding this submission date.

- **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**
  - **Perkins V Resources**
  - **Estimated Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 State Allocations under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins V)**

- **2025 Year in Review: The annual State Policies Impacting Career Technical Education (CTE)**
  - The report examines how CTE and career-readiness policies are connected to education and workforce initiatives in states through 2025 state policy actions, including legislation, executive orders, and budget provisions that significantly altered funding.
    - **Link to Report**

- **Please address any questions to 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**

❖ Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships (RERP)

- 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.**

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