

## **FORTHCOMING STATEWIDE WIOA CO-ENROLLMENT GUIDANCE**

The California Workforce Development Board (State Board), in coordination with state level *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* (WIOA) Unified State Plan partners and representatives from Local Workforce Development Areas, is developing strategic co-enrollment guidance designed to enhance partnerships, share case management, leverage resources, and improve participant experiences and outcomes.

Strategic co-enrollment will help facilitate services that enable upward economic mobility for all Californians, including populations with barriers to employment. Workforce and education programs need to be physically and programmatically accessible in order for all Californians to have opportunities to develop a marketable set of skills and be able to obtain the level of education necessary to achieve both long-term economic self-sufficiency and security.

Co-enrollment is a recommended strategy under WIOA to align programs and services through collaboration to help meet the unique needs of those we serve. Although a federal definition of co-enrollment exists for core WIOA programs, California looks to exceed that standard by facilitating co-enrollment across all WIOA and non-WIOA funded partners, promoting shared responsibility, and promoting the attainment of shared performance goals. Shared responsibility among the partners is key for the successful outcome of each enrollee.

The forthcoming guidance will be vetted and approved by the State Board prior to the adoption and implementation by all WIOA Unified State Plan partners. The Workforce Development Community is expected to convene partners and initiate discussions on how strategic co-enrollment can be included as part of the WIOA Regional and Local Plan Modification process.

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[List of the California Workforce Partners](#)

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