

In 2020, the Idaho Workforce Development Council received a Youth Apprenticeship Readiness Grant to develop 400 Registered Apprenticeships for Idaho youth between the ages of 16-24, one of just 14 projects nationwide. The Idaho Youth Apprenticeship Project is wholly funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor in the amount of \$2,490,630.



Through a grant from, and in partnership with, the Idaho Workforce Development Council, Idaho Business for Education (IBE) has been charged with developing a statewide system to support youth apprenticeship programs. Regional staff are helping employers and educators start Registered Apprenticeships in their communities, connecting employers to talent, and connecting youth with apprenticeship opportunities.

Idaho Business for Education (IBE) was chosen to lead this project because of their access to both employers and the education system. Their membership is made up of nearly 250 business leaders from all across the state. IBE members are devoted to creating a highly educated and skilled workforce that is able to strengthen the business climate and fuel a prosperous Idaho economy.

As part of this effort, IBE also collaborates closely with the Apprenticeship Idaho Coalition as it works to bolster Idaho's apprenticeship system.



Why Youth Apprenticeships?

- Youth Apprenticeships provide access to an under-served labor pool
- Employees are loyal to employers who invest in their skills and professional development
- Apprenticeships provide another pathway for students to "go-on" to additional training after high school, one that includes real-world experience and leads to a recognized and marketable credential

If you would like to see open Youth Apprenticeship Opportunities visit: <https://idahoyouthapprenticeship.org/>

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Through its committees, programs, and collaborations, like the **Youth Apprenticeship Readiness Grant**, the Idaho Workforce Development Council helps connect Idahoans to career opportunities, and Idaho's employers to a qualified workforce.

Who We Are

Established in 2017, the Council is made up of 37 Governor appointed members from throughout the state, including 17 Idaho employers, 10 state government representatives, 7 workforce representatives, a member from each chamber of the legislature, and a representative of the Governor.

Represented industry sectors include Healthcare, Construction, Technology, Aerospace, Energy, Finance, Professional Services, and Advanced Manufacturing. The Council also serves as the State Workforce Development Board.

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Vision

We envision a future where Idaho's diverse and prepared workforce meets the needs of our unique communities and employers.

Mission

We champion strategies that prepare Idahoans for careers that meet employers' needs.

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What We Do

The Council's work is focused on three strategic goals:

- Increasing the public awareness of and access to career education and training opportunities.
- Improving the effectiveness, quality, and coordination of programs and services designed to maintain a highly skilled workforce.
- Providing for the most efficient use of federal, state, and local workforce development resources.