



# Wisconsin Regional Career Pathways Project

Wisconsin is proud to have received funding from JP Morgan Chase for their New Skills for Youth grant competition. This project is aimed at enabling young people to obtain the education and credentials they need to be career-ready and succeed in well-paying jobs.

## The Goals

Dramatically increase the number of students who successfully complete career pathways that begin in secondary school and culminate in postsecondary degrees or credentials tied to high-wage, high-demand jobs. Catalyze transformational approaches to the design and delivery of programs and policies to increase students' career readiness and disseminate lessons learned around the world.

## Through this Grant Project, Wisconsin will:

Establish employer-driven processes, informed by labor market data, for determining high-skill, high-demand industries with which career pathways must be aligned.

- Use policy and funding levers to improve the quality and rigor of career pathways, including scaling down or phasing out those that do not lead to credentials of value.
- Prioritize career readiness in state accountability systems.
- Create a seamless integration of pathways for all students that blends a rigorous academic core with high-quality career and technical education.
- Make high-quality, career-focused programs of study widely available to all students in all secondary settings.
- Reorganize and intentionally align state infrastructure— schools, technology centers, postsecondary education, business, workforce and economic development authorities— to build effective career education systems.

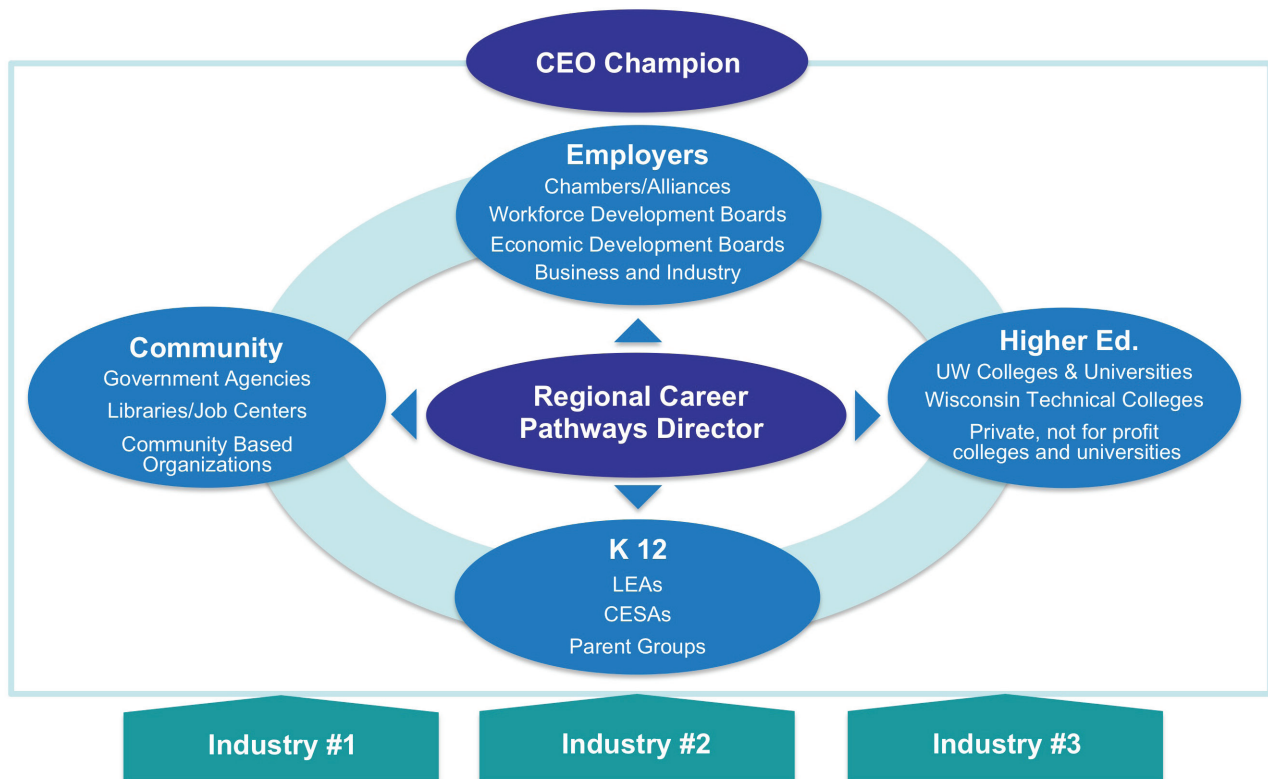


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## Structure:

With this grant money, Wisconsin will create the Regional Career Pathways Project. Each region (we will pilot four to start), will create a Regional Career Pathways Council bringing all key partners to the table.



## Year One Regional Outcomes:

- Develop shared vision and collective commitment for regional career pathway work
- Identify key industry sectors (based on Labor Market )information in region and leverage support/services
- Identify regional stakeholders, their unique strengths, roles and responsibilities
- Conduct gap analysis to assess PK-16 career pathway services/programs in the region
- Develop a 3-year action plan to reduce barriers for pathway development and participation