



# 2021 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. Streamline the talent pipeline to high-demand careers by supporting Sector Partnership initiatives, trainings, and resources. Empower Sector Partnerships to be a voice on industry concerns in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and natural disasters.
2. Address external barriers to service for rural communities, including, but not limited to:
  - » Investing in and providing state matches to broadband grant programs aimed at extending high-speed internet services to unserved and underserved areas.
  - » Investing in transportation and infrastructure, including rural road maintenance and repair as well as reliable, accessible, and robust public transportation options.
  - » Expand eligibility and funding for the Family Self-Sufficiency Grant Program under FIP to support individuals paying for vehicle repairs and maintenance, allowing them to access services in rural areas.
3. Continue investment in, and coordinate state and federal funding for computer literacy and basic computer skill building services provided under WIOA. As services were required to transition to virtual in response to COVID-19, individuals with limited computer literacy and skills found themselves at a disadvantage.
4. Expand the state's capacity to serve youth by investing in local youth Work Based Learning programs.