



HIGHLIGHTS IN ADULT EDUCATION CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION



CONNECTING STUDENTS WITH CAREERS

Short-term career technical education (CTE) is the third-largest adult education category. These programs are designed to connect adults to skill-oriented programs that will lead to high employment potential. Career technical education provides an avenue for career advancement and allows students to earn industry-recognized certificates, creating a direct path to employment. Cross-agency initiatives, including K-12 initiatives at the California Department of Education, community college for-credit program initiatives and workforce development board initiatives across the state, align with AEBG work in this program area and are boosted through direct employer input. The goal of all of these initiatives, including AEBG, is to increase the number of students in CTE programs that lead to high-demand, high-wage jobs and improve program quality, as evidenced by more students completing or transferring programs, becoming employed or improving their earnings.



49%

Percentage of jobs in California that are middle-skills jobs. Middle-skills jobs are those that require more than a high school diploma but less than a bachelor's degree.

The Workforce Alliance. (2009). California's Forgotten Middle-Skill Jobs. Washington, D.C.: Skills2Compete-California.

