

Building Ohio's Career-Connected Learning System

Career Pathway Support Networks: A Regional Model for Career-Connected Learning



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Vision

Ohio students are prepared for success in the real world.



Mission

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce supports Ohio's students, families, and educators to ensure every student gains the knowledge and life skills needed for the future.

Ohio's Strategy



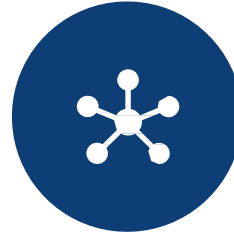
Career Pathway Support Networks

Statewide Network
Regionalized Support
Model for other States

Strong Work, Pockets of Excellence



CAREER ADVISING



CTE & PATHWAYS



WORKFORCE &
INDUSTRY



CAREER
EXPLORATION
EVENTS



POSTSECONDARY



PLATFORMS & DATA

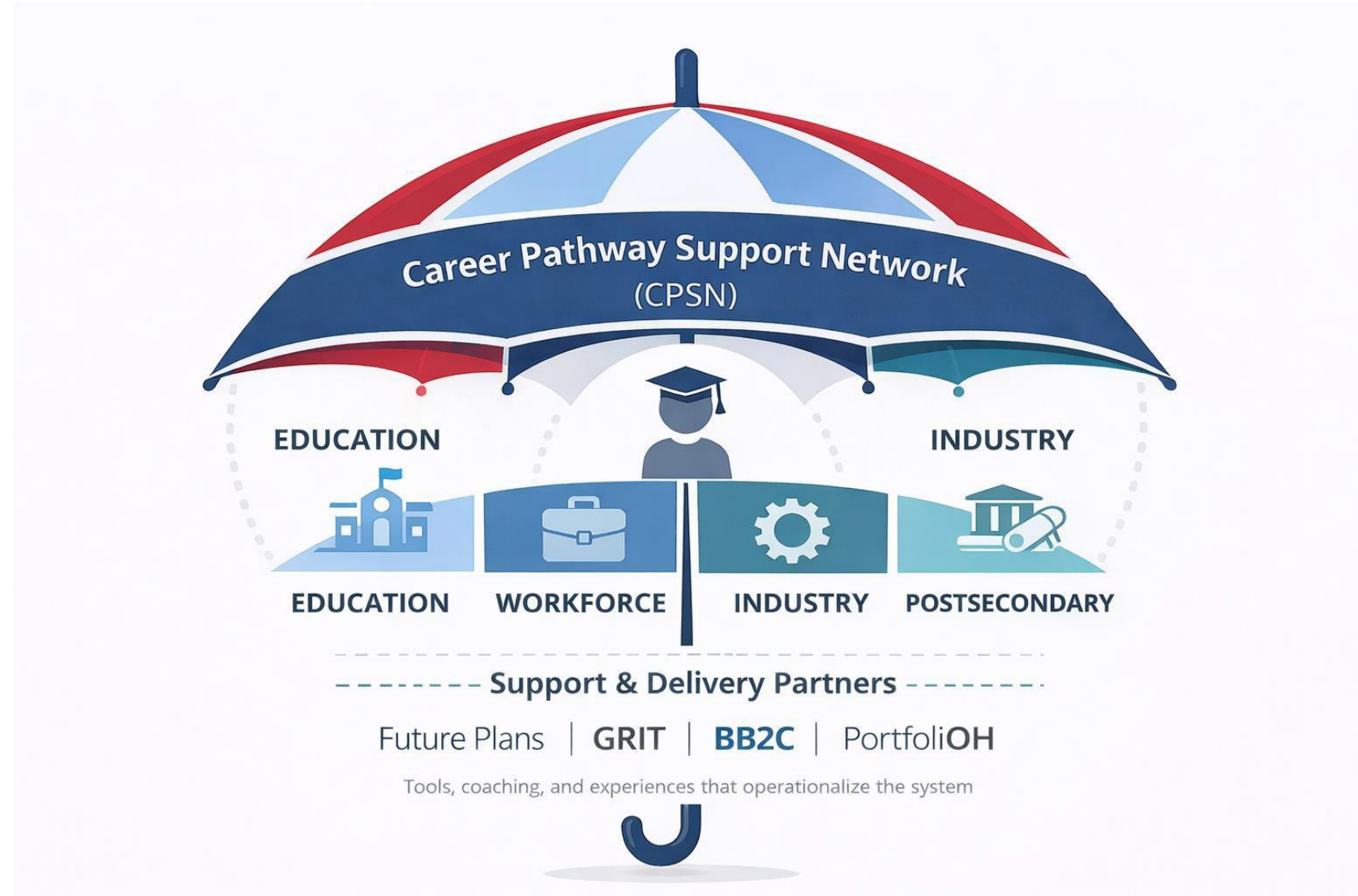


Who helps Connect the partners?

Career Pathway Support Networks

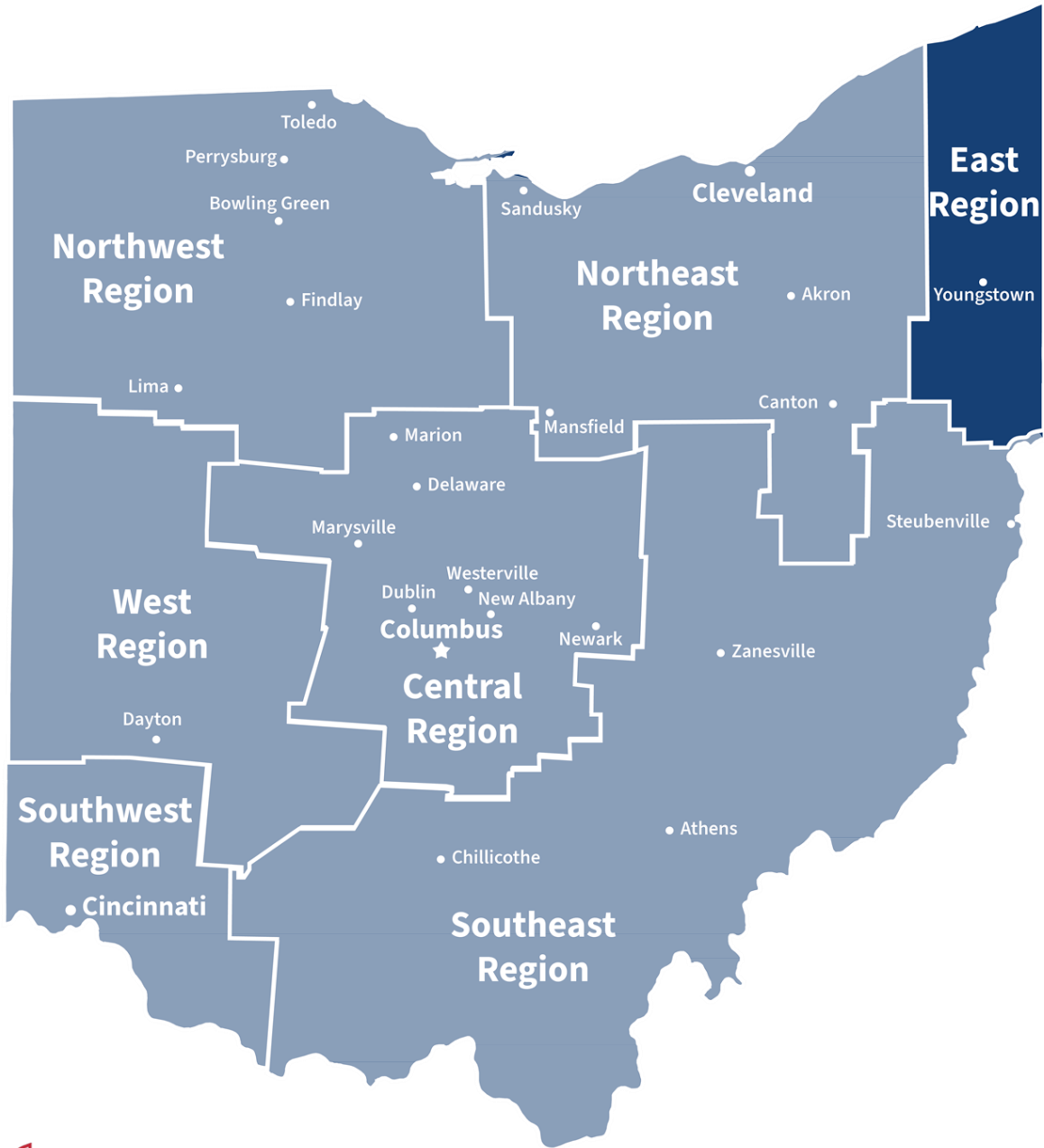
CPSN: The Umbrella for Operationalizing Career-Connected Learning

- Region-based framework
- Shared language
- Collaborative effort
- STUDENT-CENTERED



Meet Your Leads





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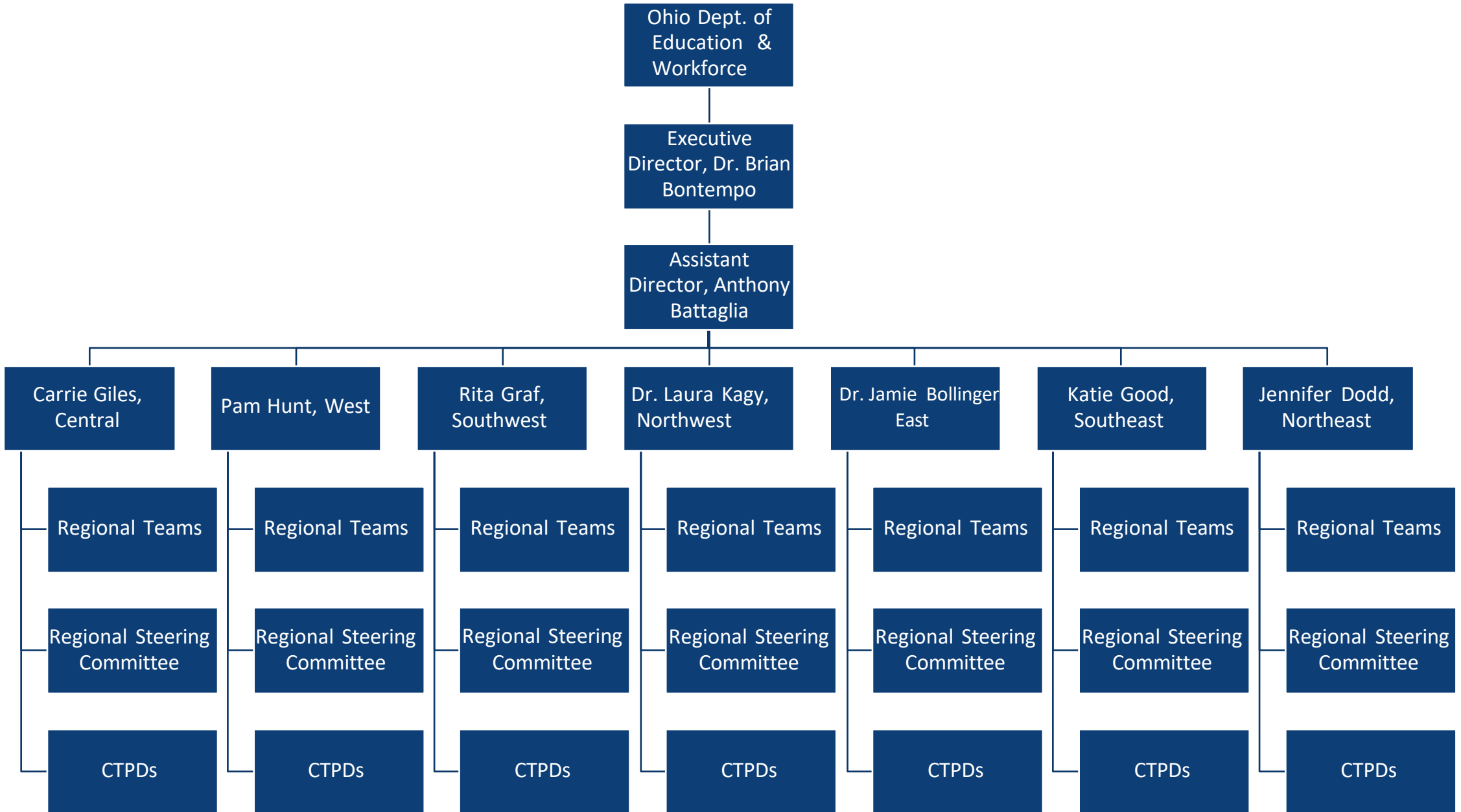
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Regional Steering Committees

Vision – Priorities - Accountability



CTPD Leads

LEA Leaders

Postsecondary Partners

Key Regional Business Leaders

Key Workforce Development Partners

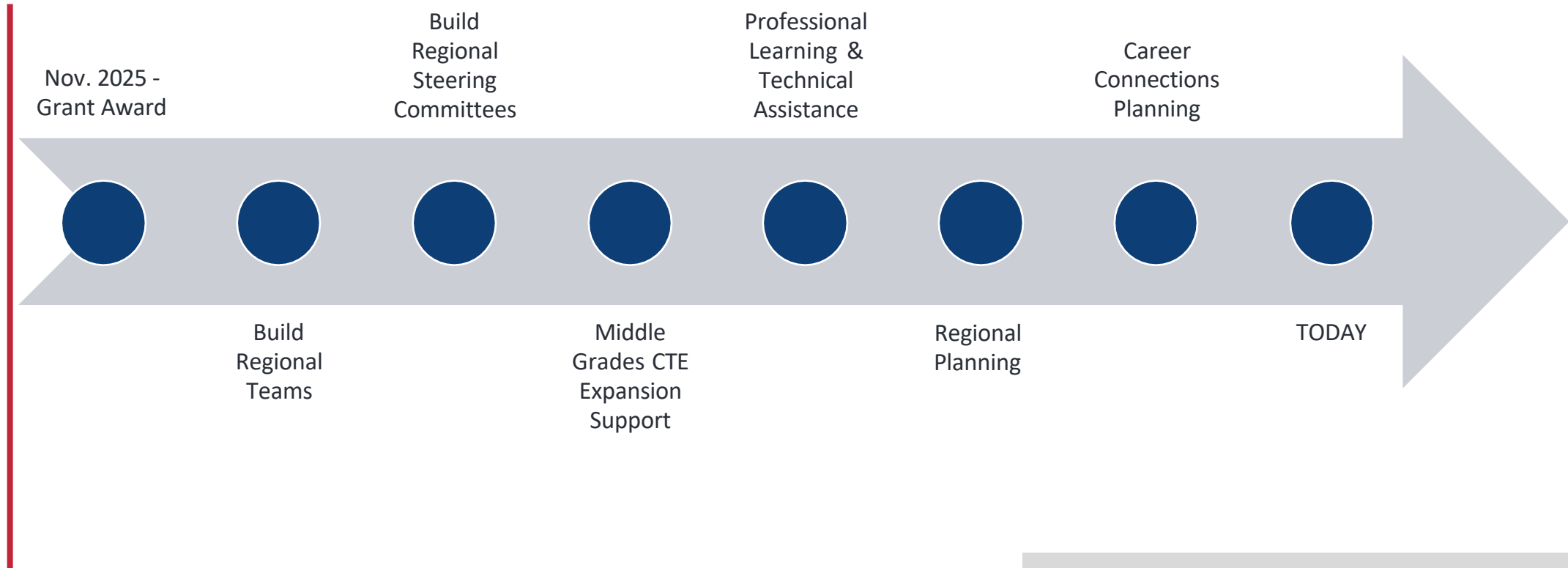
Key Regional Community Partners



One Mission Four Connected Goals

The First 11 Months

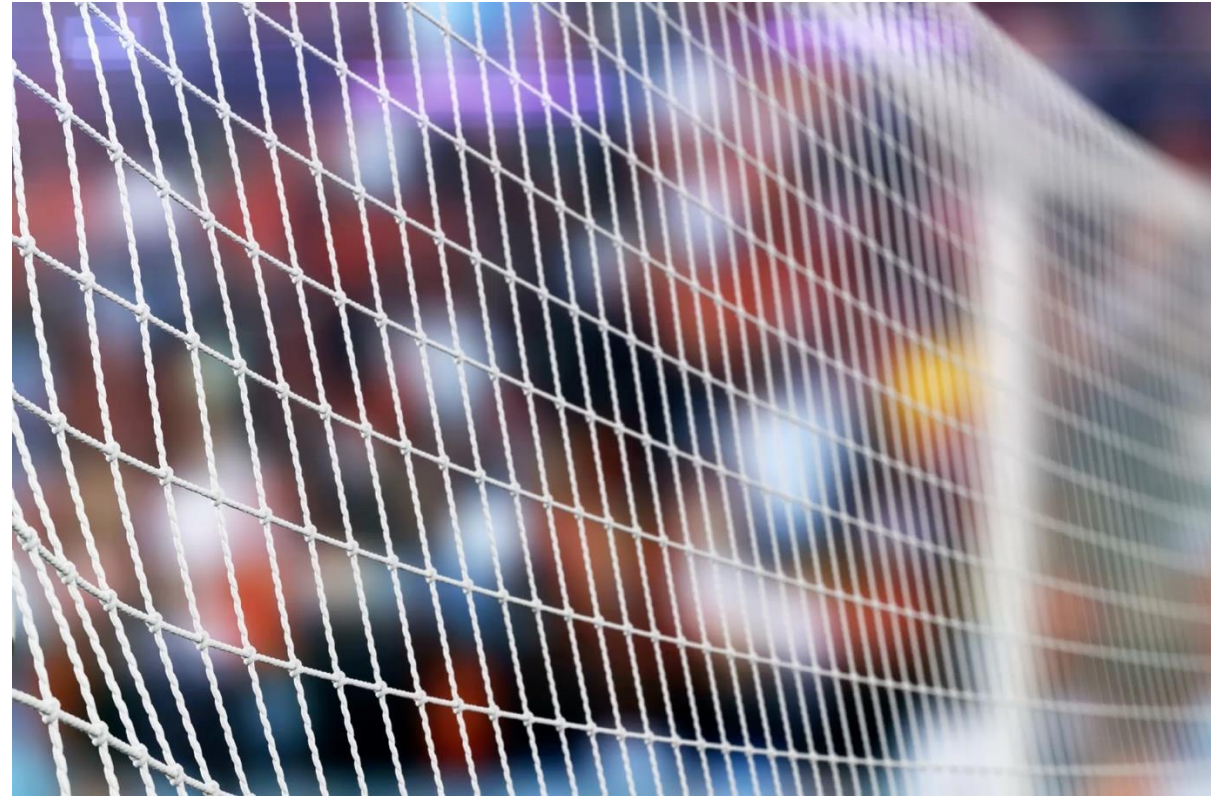
November 2025 - Today



New network. Built on trusted relationships.

Goal 1: Expand Middle Grades CTE Access

- 771 CTE-26 Middle Grades Applications
- All Regions delivered PD focused on Middle Grades Implementation
- Most regions directly reported that 100% of their districts are on track for compliance in the 26-27 school year



Goal 1: Expanded Access



More Pathways



More Districts



More Students

Identified Needs

- Tier 1 Districts (Districts w/o 7-8 CTE)

Planned Together

- Districts
- CTPDs

Built Pathways

- CTE-26
- Connected Programs

Supported Implementation

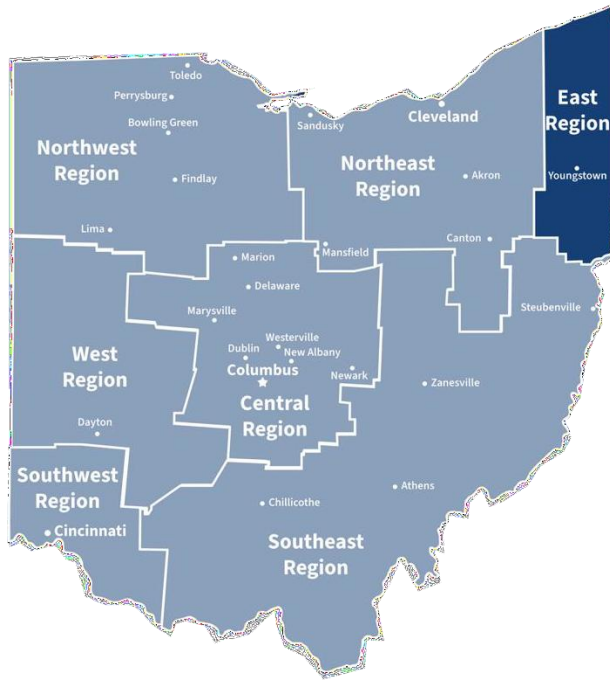
- Technical Assistance
- EMIS Support

Built Capacity

- Regional Workshops
- Resources



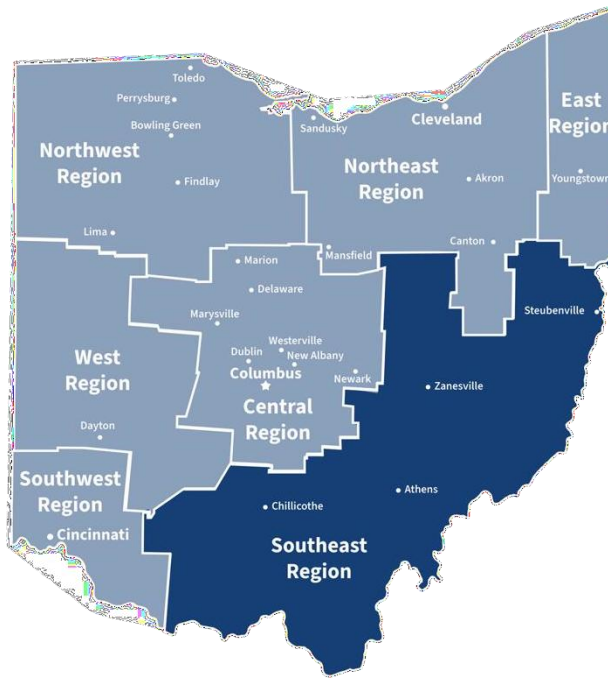
More Pathways



13 to 60 CTE-26
applications



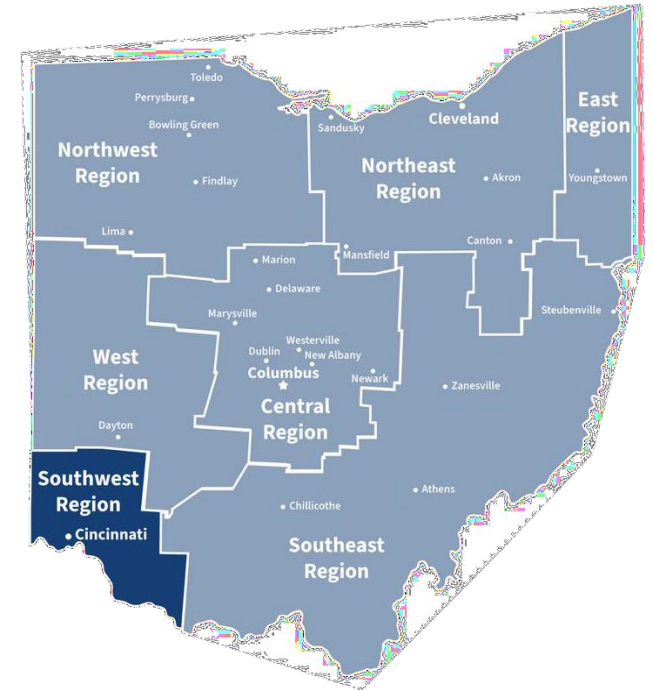
More Districts



All 23 Tier 1 Districts
Supported and On-Track for
100% Region Compliance



More Students



7,887 more students will
have access to CTE this
year

Goal 1: Expanded Access

Goal 2: Career Advising & Mentoring



Evaluate

- Career Advising Plans
- Regional Needs
- Best Practices

Build

- Mentoring Framework
- Professional Directory
- Regional Resources

Connect

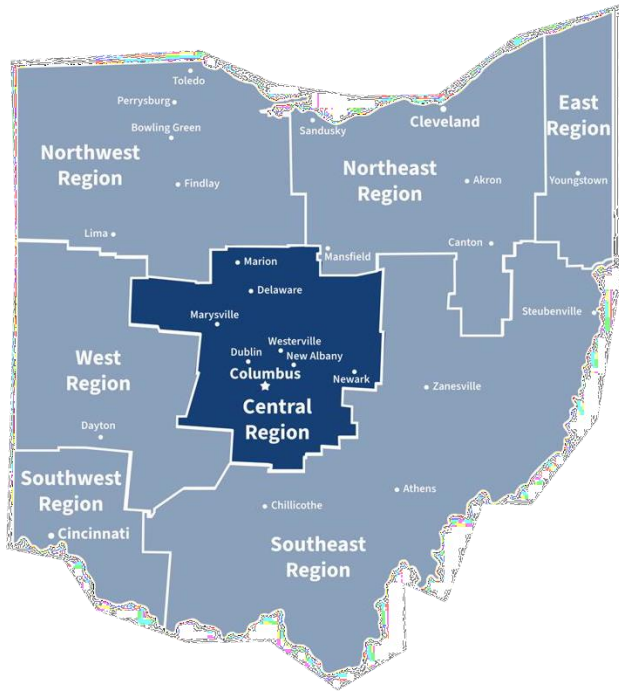
- Business
- Higher Education
- Workforce
- Career Advising Professionals

Empower

- Professional Learning
- Technical Assistance
- Networking



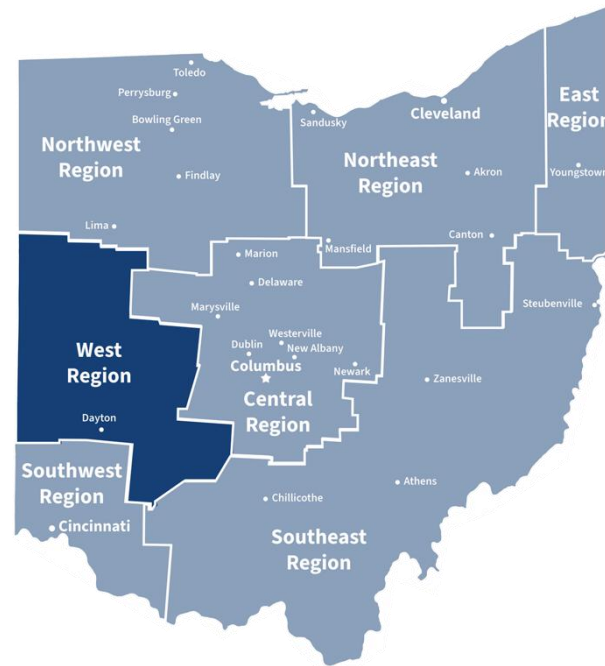
Evaluate



Career-Connected
Learning Reviews.



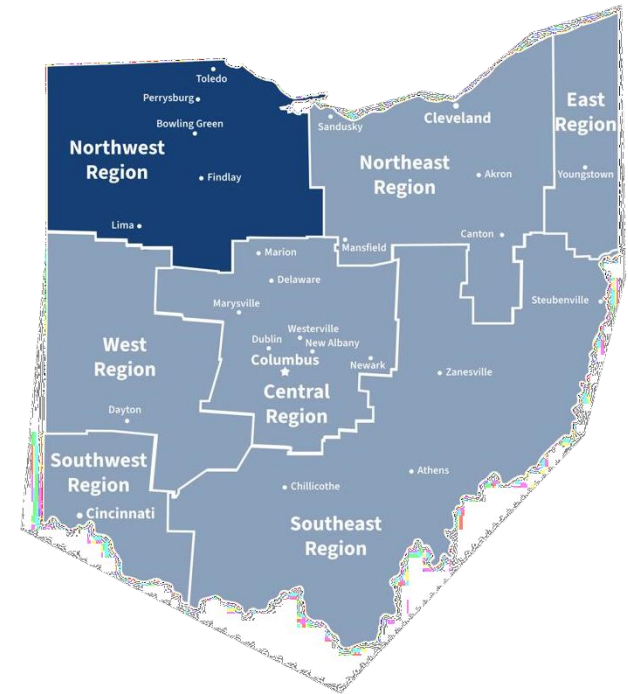
Build



Shared advising resources.
Employer Navigation Menu.
Career Resource Bank.



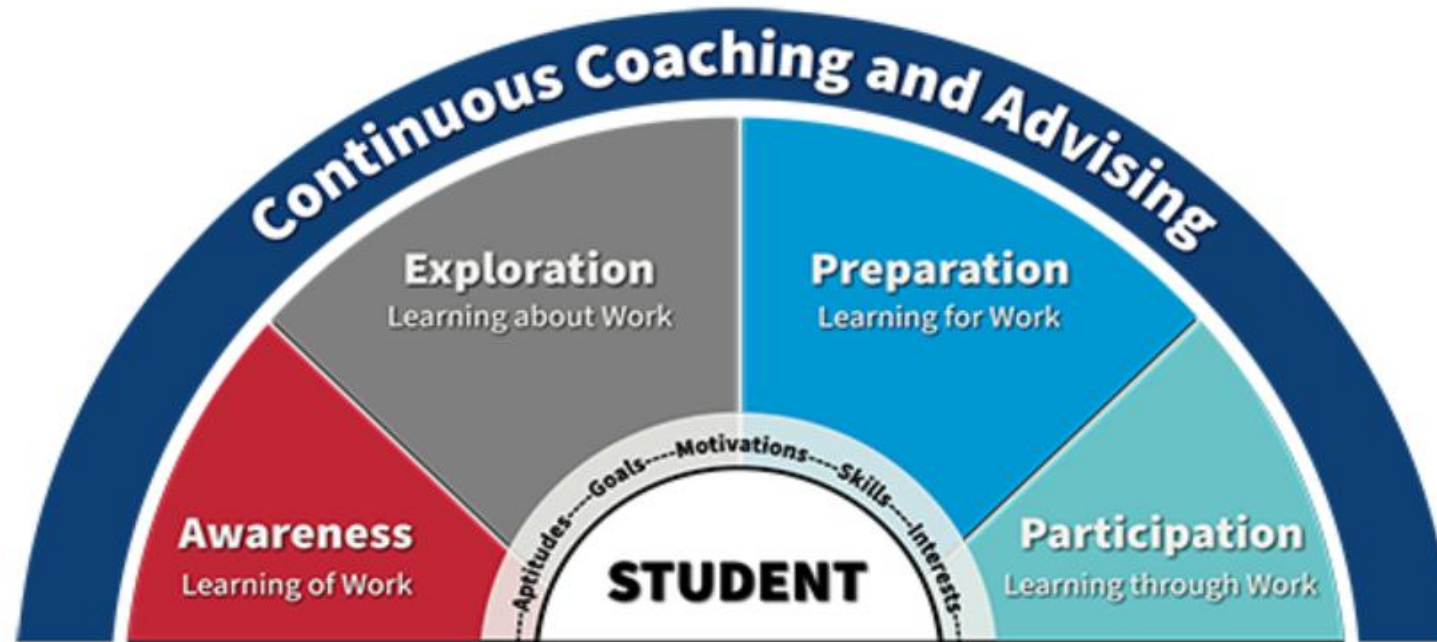
Connect



District Consultation.
Employer Partnerships

THE CAREER CONNECTIONS FRAMEWORK

The revised Career Connections Framework **establishes consistent standards for career awareness, exploration, preparation, and participation** and integrates self-awareness and agency, continuous advising, real-world learning, and multiple pathway opportunities.



BREAKDOWN OF THE CAREER CONNECTIONS CONTINUUM

BREAKING DOWN THE CONTINUUM:



Goal 3: Regional Planning & CTE Program Expansion



2,809 CTE Approved Applications

2,079 Career Field Applications

68 Career Based Intervention

299 Family and Consumer Science

363 Industry Recognized Credentials

Goal 4: Support Educators

Professional Learning

Communities of Practice

New Teacher Workshops

Technical Assistance

Goal 4: Support Educators

College Credit Opportunities

Type of Credit	What it is	When credit is awarded
Exam Based Credit	Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, CLEP	Upon post-secondary matriculation
Prior Learning Credit (PLA)	Review of prior work experience and or previous training and certifications	Upon completion of post-secondary requirements
College Credit Plus (CCP)	Dual credit for middle & high school students who met requirements and take a college course	Upon completion of the course
Ohio Transfer 36	Statewide alignment of coursework that guarantees transferability across post-secondary institutions in Ohio	Upon transferring between institutions
CTAG/ITAG	Statewide alignment of career technical courses and or assessments that allow students to be eligible for college credit	Upon post-secondary matriculation

What can your CPSN do for you?



- ✓ Middle Grades
- ✓ CTE-26s
- ✓ Career Connections
- ✓ Career Advising
- ✓ Regional Planning
- ✓ Updated Industry Recognized Credentials
- ✓ New CTE Teacher Support
- ✓ Workforce Partnerships
- ✓ Business Connections
- ✓ Post Secondary Partnerships
- ✓ Professional Development

Looking Ahead

Year 1

- Success

Career Connections Framework

Career Connections Consultants

IRC Implementation

Regional Plans

Continued District Support



Every Ohio learner deserves
meaningful access to career-
connected learning.

And your Career Pathway Support Network is here to connect the
people and programs that will make that happen.



Thank you!

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QUESTIONS?

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