



EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



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The Education & Workforce Development Council of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce advocates for improving alignment of the cradle-to-career educational pipeline - from early childhood to K-12, to post-secondary education, and into the workforce. The Council is committed to ensuring the development of a 21st century workforce capable of competing in a global economy with an emphasis on expanding opportunities for at-risk and underserved populations.

Invest in high quality early care and education that leads to a seamless alignment to the K-12 system

Studies show that investments in early education set the foundation for learning, ensure school readiness and narrows the persistent achievement gap for the region's most vulnerable children. While the state has taken modest steps to increase early education, the Chamber supports increased investments in reimbursement rates that will allow greater access to affordable high quality early education. The Chamber supports investments that take into account the whole child and encourage a child to thrive and compete in the 21st Century.

Smart Justice

The Chamber encourages smart justice reforms by harnessing the voice of business to build durable cross-sector partnerships that enhance access to high-quality education and workforce opportunities for justice-involved youth and adults.

Improve student outcomes and investments for K-12 students

The Chamber supports "The California Way" policies to implement the new 21st Century assessments and accountability system based on decentralization, self-accountability and transparency. The Chamber supports a new vision of accountability that is inclusive of continuous professional development for educators. These efforts will revive our struggling teaching profession and will ensure equity, transparency and flexibility that build local engagement and capacity.

Close Los Angeles' skills gap

It is vital that we continue to invest in workforce development efforts that are tied to labor market and employer demand, including paid work experiences and internships for young adults. This also includes adequate implementation and investments in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and Strong Workforce efforts and improved regional coordination of workforce development systems and services to address the needs of vulnerable populations.

Support innovative work life policies to compete in the 21st Century

The Chamber encourages employers to have a robust work life environment. Well-designed work life policies increase job satisfaction, create loyal employees and allow employers to compete in today's workforce. The Chamber supports employer policies that encompass flexible work schedules, child care support and allow for community engagement.

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