

# Connecting the Work of T.E.A.C.H. with Workforce Development Boards

Making the link between the work of T.E.A.C.H. and the efforts of state or local workforce development boards can lead to a better understanding about the critical role child care and the early care and education workforce play in bringing jobs to a region. In addition workforce boards open doors for partnerships with business and industry and may serve as a potential funding source.

## 10 Things to Know about Workforce Development Boards

### Workforce Development Boards...

1. Focus on economic development by ensuring the local workforce has the skills, training and education to meet the needs of local employers, aligning well with T.E.A.C.H. goals.
2. Offer job centers or "one-stop shops", providing new audiences information about early childhood as a career and supports for pursuing an early childhood degree. See <http://www.servicelocator.org/>.
3. Generate opportunities for early childhood workforce initiatives, such as the Workforce Innovations Fund (<https://innovation.workforce3one.org/page/home>).
4. Help area residents find employment and receive access to education and training for individuals seeking work, which could become an opportunity to share information on quality child care and the importance of teacher education for those in the general workforce with young children.
5. Partner with the Chamber of Commerce and business and industry to share information, thus creating potential new commerce partnerships for T.E.A.C.H.
6. Recruit industry to create jobs and promote community strengths, thus providing a strategy to leverage T.E.A.C.H. and its successes in supporting the development of a high quality early childhood workforce.
7. Provide policy, planning and oversight for local workforce development programs, which should include early childhood workforce and child care needs for families.
8. Provide T.E.A.C.H. with a centralized connection to business and industry to share workforce data.
9. Receive recommendations from national workforce development experts about nonprofits focused on employment services like job retention/stability, advancement to better jobs, technical training, helping employers to invest in their own workforce, and more.
10. Create plans and reports outlining their current and future efforts, which may serve to guide your T.E.A.C.H. fund development and outreach messages.

### Resources

#### Workforce Investment Act:

[www.doleta.gov/usworkforce/wia/plaintext.pdf](http://www.doleta.gov/usworkforce/wia/plaintext.pdf)

#### Workforce Development Boards:

[www.servicelocator.org/workforcecontacts.asp](http://www.servicelocator.org/workforcecontacts.asp)

#### State Workforce Investment Act Reports & Plans:

[www.doleta.gov/usworkforce/WIA/planstatus.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/usworkforce/WIA/planstatus.cfm)

#### US Department of Labor Grant Opportunities:

[www.doleta.gov/grants/find\\_grants.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm)

#### Regional Labor Market Trends

[www.workforceinvestmentworks.com/regional\\_map.asp](http://www.workforceinvestmentworks.com/regional_map.asp)

#### Workforce Investments Channel (YouTube):

[www.youtube.com/WorkforceInvestment#p/u/1/PtUJODAla48](http://www.youtube.com/WorkforceInvestment#p/u/1/PtUJODAla48)

#### National Association of Workforce Boards:

[www.nawb.org/](http://www.nawb.org/)



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