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July was a month of continued momentum and meaningful milestones for Registered Apprenticeship (RA) programs nationwide. Employers, educators, and workforce leaders deepened their collaboration to scale high-quality training models, while interest in RA as a strategic workforce solution continued to grow.

Across the Hub network, partners hosted impactful events, launched new RA pathways, and advanced workforce strategies—all fueled by strong community engagement and sustained federal support. As we look ahead, we remain committed to expanding opportunity and accelerating the impact of RAs in every region we serve.

Unlock Career Success Through Apprenticeship

Welcome back to our monthly spotlight series, where we showcase real success stories from RA programs supported by the Hub through our role as a DOL RA industry intermediary. Each month, we highlight how RAs open doors to meaningful careers, equip employers with skilled talent, and strengthen communities across industries like supply chain, advanced manufacturing, and more.

This month, the Hub's digital marketing team sat down with three inspiring workforce leaders whose organizations are using RAs to build stronger futures:



Randy Truster, *Training Director of Butler Warren County Electrical JATC*, discusses the future of the



Mike Lanoue, *Training Director for Utah Electrical Training Alliance*, speaks to the vital role of the Utah



Bob Terry, *Executive Director for IEC Florida East Coast*, details the RA program's recent

workforce, empowering individuals with the skills they need to thrive in today's competitive job market.

Electrical Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee in shaping the future of the electrical industry in Utah.

successes and talks about how he's grown the RA program offerings with the Hub's support, from more classes to a whole new workshop.

Welcome New Partners!

International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE)

Local 926, based in Georgia, offers RA programs focused on operating engineers,

including heavy equipment operators and stationary engineers. With a strong commitment to safety and skill development, Local 926 will receive technical assistance and incentive funding from the Hub in 2025 to grow its apprenticeship program and meet industry demands.



LOCAL 926

Baynum Solutions is a national leader in commercial and industrial painting services. Through a growing RA program, it is investing in workforce development. With Hub support, Baynum Solutions will receive technical assistance and incentive funding to enhance training opportunities for apprentices in 2025, strengthening career pathways within the specialty coatings industry.



IUOE Local 147, serving the mid-Atlantic region, specializes in training hoisting and portable engineers, ensuring apprentices gain

critical skills in heavy equipment operation and maintenance. The Hub is partnering with Local 147 to provide technical assistance and funding that will support expansion and outreach efforts for their 2025 apprentice intake.



INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS 147

Where We Connected - Online & On the Ground

Florida Apprenticeship Conference

When: July 17, 2025

Where: St. Pete, FL

Hub team member, Leisa Rasmussen, was selected to be a guest speaker at the Florida Apprenticeship Conference. This annual event brought together educators, employers, and apprenticeship leaders to share strategies for growing and strengthening RAs across the state.

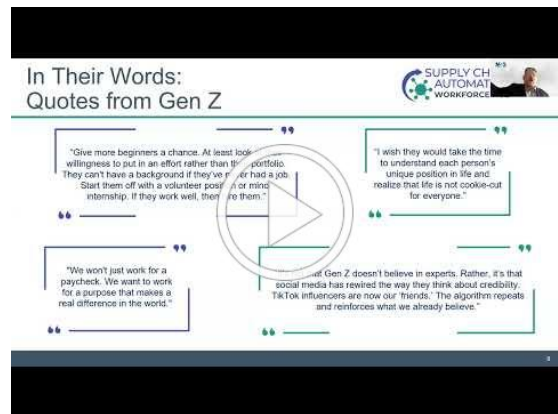


Rural Community College Alliance (RCCA) Apprenticeship Webinar

The team co-hosted a webinar on how engaging Gen Z helped reshape apprenticeship programs for RCCA member organizations. Attendees learned how tech skills, creativity, and passion for purpose were leveraged to co-design programs that truly resonate and explore mentorship strategies that bridge generational gaps and elevate youth from participants to partners.

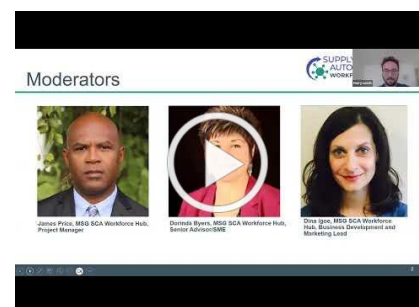
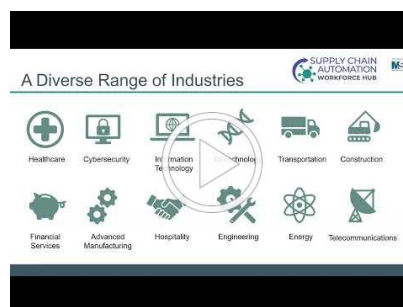
Women in Manufacturing (WiM) Youth Apprenticeship Webinar

Co-hosted with Women in Manufacturing (WiM), the Hub team explored how Gen Z's digital fluency and fresh perspective transformed apprenticeships in our webinar, *"Engaging GenZ: The Power of Youth in Program Development and Mentorship,"* which shared practical strategies for involving youth as co-creators rather than just participants in RA program development.



New RA Sponsor Resources: Youth Engagement, Rural Workforce Development & AI Innovation

The Hub team delivered three high-impact training sessions designed to support and strengthen RA programs nationwide:



Engaging Gen Z in RAs

Led by the Hub's Dorinda Byers in partnership with the National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers (NCATC), this dynamic session explores how Gen Z's digital fluency, innovative mindset, and passion for purpose can shape the future of RAs.

OH GRIT: RA Overview

Hosted in collaboration with the Growing Rural Independence Together (GRIT) Project, this webinar provided an overview of RA programs, key resources, and best practices for building strong rural workforce pipelines.

AI in RA Programs

This session, co-hosted with Apprenticeships for America (AFA), examines how AI is reshaping supply chains, advanced manufacturing, and RA programs, using real-world examples and expert insights.

DOL and Industry News



[US Departments of Labor, Education implement workforce development partnership | U.S. Department of Labor](#)

The U.S. Departments of Labor and Education announced the implementation of a workforce development partnership to create an integrated federal education and workforce system. The Labor Department will take on a greater role in administering the adult education and family literacy programs.

[US Department of Labor launches online resource to increase employment opportunities for 5 million disabled veterans | U.S. Department of Labor](#)

The U.S. Department of Labor announced the launch of the Veterans Accommodations Toolkit, a resource aimed at increasing employment rates and participation in apprenticeship programs for disabled American veterans.



Hub Resources

The Hub helps [employers](#), [education institutions](#), [workforce development boards](#) and [career seekers](#) — all at no cost:

- ▶ Offer [incentive funding](#) and [technical assistance](#) to RA sponsors and employers
- ▶ Provide support for national and state registration of RA programs
- ▶ Conduct education and outreach to key stakeholders about benefits of RAPs in supply chain automation
- ▶ Connect interested employers with education and training providers, and workforce organizations
- ▶ Support education institutions offering applied learning aligned to in-demand careers and pathways to a college degree and/or certification

- ▶ Assist in outreach and marketing efforts to promote RAs
- ▶ Identify state and federal funding opportunities

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