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# Happenings

## *Celebrating Youth Apprenticeship*



The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) marked a milestone with the first-ever Youth Apprenticeship Week (YAW), building on the success of National Apprenticeship Week. YAW focused on recognizing and celebrating the benefits and value of Registered Apprenticeship (RA) programs for young people aged 16 to 24.

This week, the Hub team traveled nationwide to share best practices with apprenticeship stakeholders to establish effective Youth Apprenticeship (YA) programs and enhance their economic impact on participants. Additionally, the team produced a compelling video series highlighting the significance of Youth Apprenticeship and the profound impact RA programs have on young people's career paths.

Visit our Youth Apprenticeship Week page!

## *Welcome New Partners!*



**Aurubis Richmond**, out of Augusta, GA, is a branch of the global supplier of non-ferrous metals and one of the world's largest copper recyclers. The Hub looks forward to assisting Aurubis in developing RA programs in several occupations, including Materials Handler, Furnace Operator, and Maintenance Hydraulic Repair.

**CareerSource Suncoast**, based in Florida, is the state-designated workforce services provider in Manatee County and Sarasota County. The Hub is assisting with their outreach efforts by providing informational and educational community workshops on RA to their local area employers so they can expand their RAP sponsorships.



The logo for Fastenal, featuring the word "FASTENAL" in white, bold, italicized capital letters on a blue background.

**Fastenal**, based in Winona, MN, is the largest fastener distributor in North America. It offers an array of supply chain solutions to businesses across the U.S. The Hub is providing technical assistance on their RAP Standards and Appendix for Fulfillment Specialists.

**Enzweiler Building Institute (EBI)**, based in Erlanger, KY, is the longest-running post-secondary trades training school under the auspices of the National Association of Home Builders. The Hub has partnered with EBI to assist them in recruiting local employer partners for their existing and new RA programs.

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## Where We've Been

### SkillUp Apprenticeship Summit

When: May 1-2, 2024

Where: West Palm Beach, FL

Hub Senior Advisor Leisa Rasmussen and Subject Matter Expert for Curriculum Development and RA Sponsorship, Wanda Monthey, presented at the Summit about the Hub's available support for RA programs. They talked with attendees about how the Hub helps new and existing RA Programs, in addition to sharing available funding opportunities.

**Free Workshop for Employers on the Benefits and ROI of Apprenticeships**

May 1-2, 2024

Palm Beach Gardens, FL



### Automate Conference 2024

When: May 6-9, 2024

Where: Chicago, IL



Hub Project Manager James Price and Senior Advisor Cathy Metcalf attended the Automate Conference to network with auto industry employers, expanding our RA partnerships with educational institutions, employers, and manufacturers. Automate 2024 was the largest conference in its history.

## In-Demand Jobs & Youth Apprenticeship Career Fair

When: May 10, 2024

Where: Cincinnati, OH

Hub consultant Brandy Porter participated in the Ohio Career Fair, which took place during the inaugural Youth Apprenticeship Week. Brandy met with employers, students, and parents to discuss the benefits of Youth Apprenticeship and Pre-Apprenticeship programs and the support and funding available for apprenticeship programs in Ohio.



## Pre-Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship Accelerator

When: May 15, 2024

Where: Columbus, IN

Hub Senior Advisor Cathy Metcalf participated in a subject matter expert panel at the Accelerator, which was hosted by Ivy Tech Community College in coordination with the DOL, the Hub, Indiana Department of Workforce Development, and many other RA stakeholders.

## Where We'll Be

### Cultivating Talent in Business Convening

When: June 4, 2024

Where: Overland Park, KS



Hub Project Manager James Price will attend this momentous multi-RA intermediary event, which will offer crucial insight into all things workforce. The "Cultivating Talent in Business" program will provide attendees with greater insight into Apprenticeships from different local, state, and national perspectives.



## Free Community Workshop for Employers – Benefits of Apprenticeships (Part 1)

When: June 6, 2024

Where: Sarasota, F

Hub team member Leisa Rasmussen will lead a breakout session on the benefits of RAs for local employers and workforce stakeholders. Other industry experts and employers will similarly present the benefits of Apprenticeship, available funding opportunities, and share real-world success stories.

## Free Community Workshop for Employers – Benefits of Apprenticeships (Part 2)

When: June 18, 2024

Where: Palm Beach, FL

Hub team member Leisa Rasmussen will build on the previous event's breakout session detailing the benefits of RAs for local employers and workforce stakeholders. She will again be joined by other industry experts and employers who will share success stories and available funding opportunities.



## Free Community Workshop for Employers – Benefits of Apprenticeships (Part 3)

When: June 25, 2024

Where: Ocala, FL

Moving from Sarasota to Palm Beach, then on to Ocala, Hub team member Leisa Rasmussen will continue to lead breakout sessions on the benefits of RAs for local employers and workforce stakeholders. Her co-presenters will discuss Apprenticeship benefits, share



available funding opportunities, and present real-world success stories for Ocala event attendees.

## **SkillsUSA National Conference**

When: June 27-28, 2024

Where: Atlanta, GA

Hub team members James Price, Ashley Jackson, and Cathy Metcalf will attend the National Leadership & Skills Conference, which will recognize career and technical education excellence. They will meet with apprentices, community colleges, and employers interested in launching RAs in the skilled trades.

This event brings together thousands of students, instructors, business partners, and administrators to celebrate the accomplishments of those preparing for careers in trade, technical, and skilled service occupations.

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## **Industry News**

### **Cook County launches manufacturing Apprenticeship accelerator program to boost talent pipeline**

The Cook County Board of Commissioners has announced the launch of the Cook County Manufacturing Apprenticeship Accelerator program, aimed at providing manufacturers in the county with a "concierge service" to identify and screen candidates for vacant DOL RAs.

[Read more.](#)



## DOL registers first-of-its kind Apprenticeship program for supply chain and third-party risk analysts

The Institute for American Apprenticeship (IAA) and Exiger, a market-leading supply chain and third-party risk AI company, have partnered to launch the first RA program for supply chain and third-party risk analysts. Exiger and IAA joined DOL officials for a signing ceremony at the Frances Perkins Building.

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[Read the full release.](#)

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## SHRM backs California bill promoting high school Apprenticeship program

SHRM issued a letter of support on behalf of California legislation that would promote Youth Apprenticeship programs in the state's high schools for upcoming school years.



SB 480 would authorize a Youth Apprenticeship program at three geographically diverse pilot sites to serve as an alternative to the state requirement that students complete a course in visual or performing arts, foreign language, or career and technical education.

[Read more.](#)

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## The Office of Apprenticeship May intermediary newsletter

Catch up with the DOL Intermediary Newsletter, your go-to source for the latest updates, insights, and key information from the Department of Labor's intermediary programs.

Read the May 2024 edition [here](#).



## Hub Benefits & Resources

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

- ▶ Offer [incentive funding](#) and [technical assistance](#) to RAP sponsors and employers
- ▶ Provide support for national and state registration of RAPs
- ▶ 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 RAPs with a focus on equity and diversity
- ▶ Identify state and federal funding opportunities

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