



Moving Career Pathways Forward: LEARNING FROM THE NEW SKILLS FOR YOUTH INITIATIVE

Introduction

[New Skills for Youth](#) (NSFY) aimed to transform career readiness education and bridge the skills gap by supporting innovative strategies in 10 states across the United States.¹ Launched in 2016 and supported by JPMorgan Chase, NSFY was a \$75 million, 5-year initiative to strengthen and expand high-quality career pathways for youth. Advance CTE, the Council of Chief State School Officers, and Education Strategy Group served as the national partners to help states strengthen their career pathways systems.

JPMorgan Chase awarded grants in two phases to help states develop and implement action plans.² An independent advisory committee helped select 24 states and the District of Columbia for Phase 1. Each state received a \$100,000 grant to conduct career readiness needs assessments and develop action plans to expand career pathways for learners from March through October 2016.³ Then the independent advisory committee selected 10 states for Phase 2—Delaware, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. These states received \$2 million in funding from January 2017 through December 2019.⁴ They also were awarded additional grants to implement their action plans and serve as models for other states.