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Department of Education & Workforce

Career Pathway Support Networks
Central Region

Facilitators:

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Information Meeting

February 18, 2026

10:00-10:45am

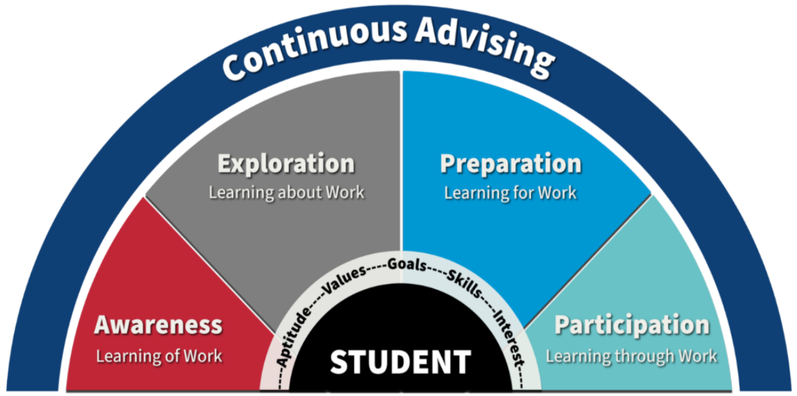
Information Meeting Objectives

Our purpose: To increase the number of students who have meaningful access to career-connected learning opportunities, fostering their engagement, preparedness, and success in future career pathways

- **Awareness** | Middle CTE update and New Career Connected Learning Framework
- **Review** | Central Region CPSN Team and Steering Committee Activities
- **Inform** | Selected RFPs & Upcoming professional learning opportunities
- **Action** | Communication and Participation

Awareness

- Middle School CTE | ODEW Letter
- ODEW Career Connected Learning Framework



Review | Accountability Highlights Jan / Fe

January 21, 2026:	CPSN Information Meeting Virtual- All Stakeholders
January 23, 2026:	CPSN RFP Issued
January 28, 2026:	CTE-26 Workshop
February 9, 2026:	Agreement with AMLE finalized
February 10, 2026:	New CTE Teacher Workshop at South-Western Career Academy
February 10, 2026:	RFP's reviewed
February 11, 2026:	CPSN Steering Committee Meeting (In-Person @ ESC)
February 11, 2026:	RFP's Awarded – Contract being drafted
February 13, 2026:	Central Ohio Career Readiness Council held at BMI Federal Credit Union

Individual technical assistance provided on CTE-26 applications (new and renewal)

Inform | Request for Proposals

• RFP Update: 12 applications submitted and reviewed and scored by CPSN Steering Committee / Topics from RFP generated directly from state goals and objectives and Gap Analysis Survey results

•RFP issued to the following providers:

CPSN Online Hub—Awarded to Josh Gallagan | Will create an online platform to search by county opportunities for Career-Connected Learning K-12. Linkage to existing sites and streamlining of information to provide a one stop location school leaders and educators

CPSN Resource Curator—Awarded to Clearview Management—Josh Compton | Will work closely with the CPSN Steering Committee and CPSN leadership to identify resource that will feed into the CPSN Online Hub for Central Ohio.

Career Connected Learning Facilitator—Awarded to National Workforce Alliance—Rae Ellen Douglas | Will work directly with the CPSN Leadership to provide facilitation of the Career Connected Learning Self-Assessment tool

All work for these RFP’s is to be completed by June 2026. With the Hub available for use August 2026

Inform | Upcoming Events

CSPN Career-Connected Learning Review: On Thursday, March 5 at 3:00pm there will be a webinar for any district/school that would like to learn more about the tool and facilitation model that will be implemented this Spring or next school year. After the webinar districts/schools wishing to participate will have opportunity to sign up for this reflection/professional learning opportunity.

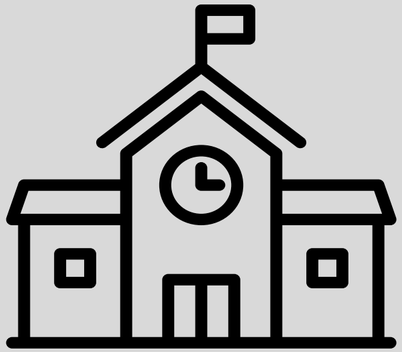
To register click on this link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/bhOi-ZMrR0amDHrK8UesyA

AMLE – Scheduling Workshop – Optimizing your middle school schedule to embed Career-Connected Learning | April 28, 2026. In-Person at the ESC of Central Ohio. All participants will receive a copy of *The Successful Middle School Schedule* (2nd Edition) by AMLE, along with access to an online resource bank that includes reflection tools, sample schedules, and implementation resources. Registration opening soon…free to attend, seating will be limited.

Action | Implementation updates
Share and Participate

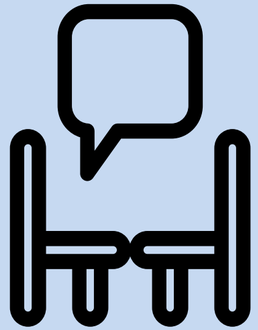
Goal 1

Middle School CTE



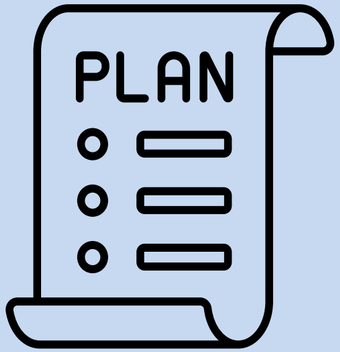
Goal 2

Career Advising and Mentoring



Goal 3

Lead Regional Planning

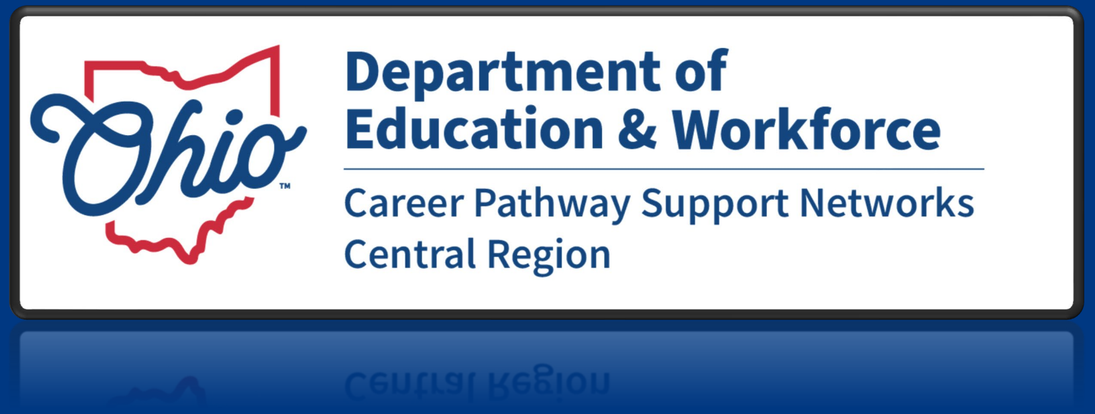


Goal 4

Support New CTE Educators

Next Steps

February and March



Step 1: Info Meeting Feb. 18 / 10-11am Virtual

Step 2:Implementation of RFP's and gather steering committee feedback on Hub and resources

Step 3:Steering Committee Sub committee meeting prior to next meeting.

Step 4:Career Connected learning review tool and facilitation webinar on March 5 at 3:00pm

Information Meeting Dates

~~January 21, 2026 10:00-10:45 Virtual~~

~~February 18, 2026 10:00-10:45 Virtual~~

March 26, 2026 10:00-10:45 Virtual

April 15, 2026 10:00-10:45 Virtual

May 20, 2026 10:00-10:45 Virtual

Upcoming Dates for Spring 2026

February 19, 2026:	Central Ohio Business Advisory Council @ Ohio Chamber of Commerce
February 19, 2026:	Central Ohio Industry Sector Partnership Meeting @ Ohio Chamber of Commerce
February 25, 2026:	CTE-26 Workshop (Virtual)
March 5, 2026:	CTE-26 Workshop (In-Person) @ Columbus City Schools 1:00-4:00pm
March 5, 2026:	Career-Connected Learning Review webinar via Zoom starting at 3:00pm
March 18, 2026:	CPSN Steering Committee Meeting—Virtual
March 23, 2026:	CPSN Info Session—Virtual
April 23, 2026:	New CTE Teacher Workshop
April 24, 2026:	Central Ohio Compact @ Columbus State (CPSN Regional Event)
April 28, 2026:	Association of Middle Level Education Scheduling Workshop

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