Illinois Career Pathways Dictionary 2.0
A Relaunched Resource
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Opening Activity

In your own words define:

**Work-based learning**

Take a moment to compare with your neighbor.

How did it go?
Today’s Objectives

- Highlight the Career Pathways Dictionary and how it can be used by policymakers and practitioners
- Explore the new website
- Provide background information about how the Dictionary was developed and updated
Where did this come from?

Origins of the Career Pathways Dictionary and why relaunch 2.0

Awareness to Action: Promoting Equity in Education and Careers
Seeding the Pathways through Policy

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Illinois Career Pathways Dictionary
How was the Pathways Dictionary developed?

- **Unified Career Pathways** definition drafted and adopted/ratified
  - 2017-2018
- **Original Career Pathways Dictionary published**
  - 2018
- **Career Pathways Dictionary relaunched**
  - Sep. 2023

- **Agency partners and key stakeholders developed set of related terms and definitions**
  - 2017-2018
- **An interagency group re-convened to revisit the dictionary and make updates**
  - 2022-2023
Process
- Conducted a survey to gain a deeper understanding of the dictionary’s relevance and use in the field.
- Convened interagency group (DCEO, IDES, ISAC, ICCB, IBHE, and ISBE) to work through updates and updated design.

Updates
- Added new terms.
- Updated definitions to reflect current best practices.
- Embedded resources throughout.
- Included source citation for each definition.
- Added category feature.
- Added option to sign up to be notified of future updates.
- Increased ability to share and edit.
Website Demo

Awareness to Action: Promoting Equity in Education and Careers
Illinois Career Pathways Dictionary Relaunch

A first-of-its-kind resource for policymakers and practitioners, providing Illinois’ definition for a career pathway and terms essential to pathway programs and system elements.

• First released in 2018 as a PDF
• Now relaunched as a stand-alone website at pathwaysdictionary.org
  • Includes new and updated definitions
  • Provides implementation guidance and resources
Next steps

What we plan to do

- Share extensively throughout Illinois via:
  - agency websites
  - word-of-mouth
  - professional development opportunities and conferences
- Tie to funding (e.g. NOFOs, RFPs, etc.)

What you can do

- Share it with others as a helpful resource
- Incorporate it into your work! Examples of how include:
  - Developing local PaCE framework or CCPE implementation
  - PD and training for staff
  - Brainstorming and program design
  - Grant writing
Website Scavenger Hunt

Let’s look through the website together!

- Each of the next few slides will have a prompt.
- Individually, we will take some time to look through the website for a term or page that fits the prompt.
- Discuss with your neighbor.
- For some prompts we will share out and discuss with the whole group.

Before we start by go to pathwaysdictionary.org
Find a term that is new to you.
Find a term that has a resource linked.
Find a term that is relevant to your role.
Find a term that offers implementation guidance.
Find a term that you often find yourself explaining.
Discussion

- How have you used the Dictionary?
- How do you see yourself using this new version?
- What kind of support might you want or need?
Thank You!