



# Abilities Work: Helping Students with Unique Abilities Connect to Employment Opportunities

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**CareerSource Florida**  
is the state's workforce policy  
and investment board –  
dedicated to enabling economic  
prosperity for all Floridians.



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## About CareerSource Florida

### Vision

Florida will be the global leader for talent.

### Mission

To connect employers with qualified, skilled talent and Floridians with employment and career development opportunities to achieve economic prosperity.



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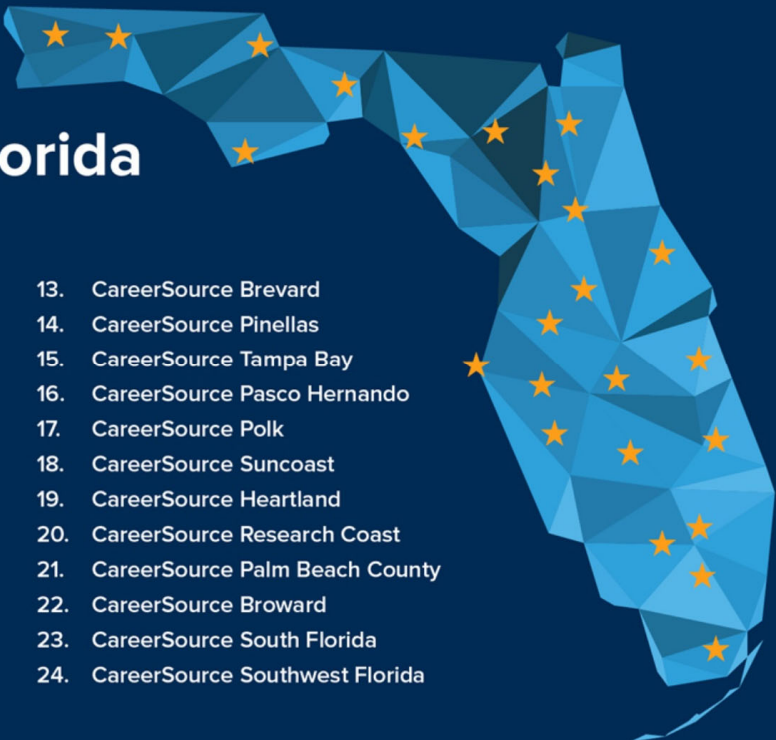
## Our Goal:

Increase the prosperity of workers and employers; reduce welfare dependency; increase economic self-sufficiency; meet employer needs; and enhance productivity and competitiveness.



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# CareerSource Florida Network



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3. CareerSource Chipola
4. CareerSource Gulf Coast
5. CareerSource Capital Region
6. CareerSource North Florida
7. CareerSource Florida Crown
8. CareerSource Northeast Florida
9. CareerSource North Central Florida
10. CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion
11. CareerSource Flagler Volusia
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13. CareerSource Brevard
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17. CareerSource Polk
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19. CareerSource Heartland
20. CareerSource Research Coast
21. CareerSource Palm Beach County
22. CareerSource Broward
23. CareerSource South Florida
24. CareerSource Southwest Florida

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## Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act



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## Services for Job Seekers

Our programs benefit a wide variety of job seekers, including veterans, individuals with disabilities, people with barriers to employment including criminal backgrounds, low-income parents, students and candidates with advanced and/or specialized degrees. We help with:



Developing a compelling resume



Preparing for interviews



Researching companies and openings



Training for a high-demand career



Hosting recruitment events



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## Services for Businesses

Our workforce professionals help employers of all sizes recruit, hire, train and retain their greatest asset – their employees. Based on a company's individual needs, we provide guidance through every step of the hiring process:



Accessing local and state labor market data



Reviewing resumes and screening candidates



Scheduling interviews



Hosting recruiting events



Providing customized training



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## On the Front Lines – Serving Floridians With Disabilities



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## College to Careers

Preparing Students for the Workforce

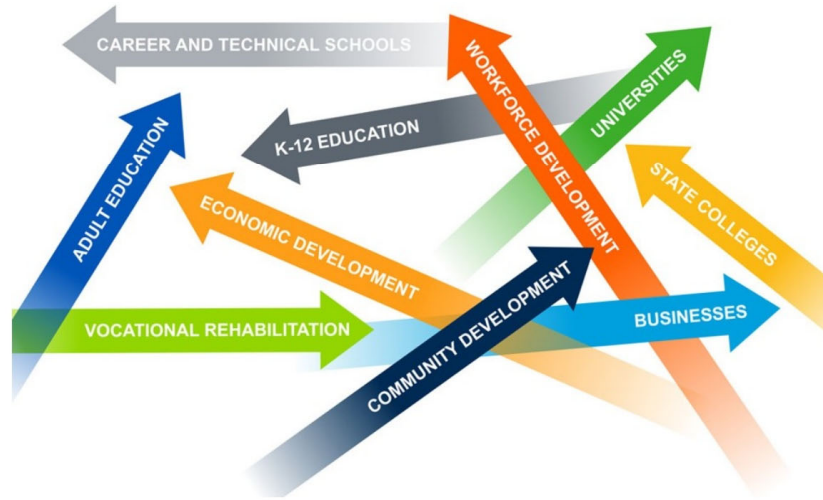


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# Talent Development Partners

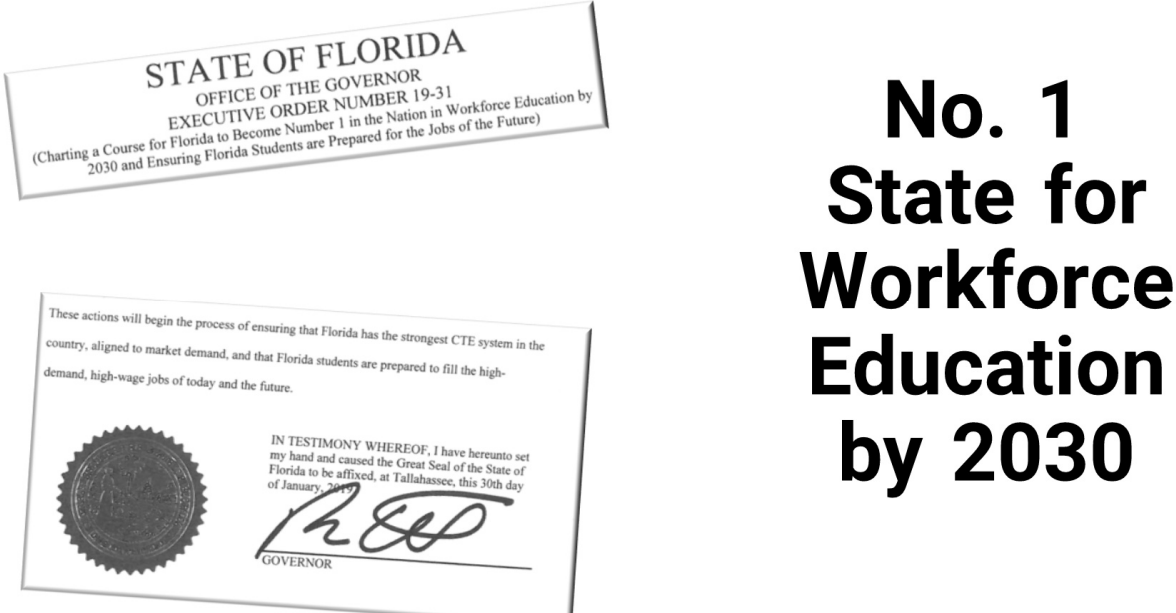


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# Optimizing Collaboration



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**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 19-31  
(Charting a Course for Florida to Become Number 1 in the Nation in Workforce Education by 2030 and Ensuring Florida Students are Prepared for the Jobs of the Future)

These actions will begin the process of ensuring that Florida has the strongest CTE system in the country, aligned to market demand, and that Florida students are prepared to fill the high-demand, high-wage jobs of today and the future.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 30th day of January, 2019.

*[Signature]*  
GOVERNOR


# No. 1 State for Workforce Education by 2030



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## Florida's Attainment Goal

**60% of working-age Floridians will have a high value post-secondary degree or credential by 2030.**



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## Questions?



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