



FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Skills Development Council Meeting
February 4, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m.

Workforce Connection
3170 W. Shaw Avenue
Fresno, CA 93711
Conference Rooms 105/106

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ROLL CALL

AGENDA CHANGES: REMOVAL OF ITEMS OR EMERGENCY ADDITIONS

ABSTENTIONS/RECUSALS/DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

COUNCIL CHAIR/STAFF COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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**Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board
Skills Development Council
2025 Attendance Roster**

	2/5/2025	5/7/2025	8/6/2025	11/5/2025
Avila Trillium Flow Technologies	P	P	A	P
Barnes State Center Federation of Teachers	--	--	A	P
Dart Dart Realty	P	P	P	P
Hensley Hensley Associates	P	P	P	P
Miller Gazebo Gardens	P	A	A	P
Olivares TransAmerica	P	P	P	P
Vicente BMO Bank	P	A	P	P
Zabrycki* CAPTRUST	A	P	P	P
Zeitz Fresno County Economic Development Corporation	A	A	A	P

* = Chairperson

P = Present

A = Absent

-- = Not a Ratified Member at Time of Meeting

XX = Meeting Cancelled

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AGENDA ITEM:	1
MEETING DATE:	February 4, 2026
ACTION:	APPROVE

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TO: Skills Development Council

FROM: Blake Konczal, Executive Director

SUBJECT: November 5, 2025, Skills Development Council Meeting Minutes

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the November 5, 2025, Skills Development Council Meeting.

ATTACHMENT:

November 5, 2025, Skills Development Council Meeting Minutes



FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Skills Development Council
November 5, 2025

SUMMARY MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT – Steven Avila, Lacy Barnes, Douglas Dart, Jeff Hensley, Scott Miller (arrived at 4:03), Joe Olivares, Sandra Vicente, Lydia Zabrycki, and Chris Zeitz

ABSENT – None

AGENDA CHANGES: Blake Konczal, Executive Director, Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB), announced a correction to Agenda Item #4 and provided the Skills Development Council with a revised page.

ABSTENTIONS/RECUSALS/
DISCLOSURES OF
POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF
INTEREST: Director Lacy Barnes – Item #2

COUNCIL CHAIR/ STAFF
COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Item	Description/Action Taken
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1. August 6, 2025, Skills Development Council Meeting Minutes

Mr. Konczal presented the August 6, 2025, Skills Development Council (Council) meeting minutes for the Council's approval, or correction and approval.

OLIVARES/BARNES – APPROVED THE AUGUST 6, 2025, SKILLS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. (UNANIMOUS)

2. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Rapid Response and Layoff Aversion Funding Allocations

Veronica McAlister, Senior Program Manager, FRWDB, presented for the Council's recommendation, the approval of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Rapid Response and Layoff Aversion funding allocations for Program Year (PY) 2025-2026. Ms. McAlister shared that the FRWDB received \$642,173 to support Rapid Response and Layoff Aversion services in Fresno County, and that additional carryover funding of \$276,687 was received from PY 2024-2025, bringing the total available funding for PY 2025-2026 to \$918,860.

Director Olivares asked why there were carryover funds from the previous plan year. David Baquerizo, One-Stop Coordinator, CLC, explained that the funds were always for Layoff Aversion services, but as they scheduled and worked carefully with employers to distribute these funds, toward the end of the year, some funds were left over. Ms. McAlister stated that there was a definite need for these funds due to future closures and layoffs.

Phyllis Stogbauer, Senior Deputy Director, FRWDB, informed the Council that allocations for Rapid Response and Layoff Aversion services were allocated on a two (2)-year cycle. Director Hensley asked what services could be provided with the carryover and Ms. McAlister replied that the FRWDB's Business Services Center would increase Layoff Aversion services.

OLIVARES/ZEITZ – RECOMMENDED THAT THE FRWDB APPROVE THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT RAPID RESPONSE AND LAYOFF AVERSION FUNDING ALLOCATIONS. (UNANIMOUS)

3. Eligible Training Provider List Monitoring Report

Rebecca Moncivais, Monitoring Manager, FRWDB, presented for the Council's recommendation, the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Monitoring Report for the First Quarter of Program Year (PY) 2025-2026. She explained that FRWDB staff conducted monitoring of all ETPL providers to ensure they are in compliance with federal, state, and local regulations or policies. She indicated that monitoring was completed for two (2) schools, with no findings. Monitoring for three (3) schools was still in process.

Director Hensley inquired about national news regarding trucking school training and its effect on FRWDB's training approaches. Mr. Konczal noted that new Department of Labor screening guidelines were implemented for specific driver's license categories. Jose Espinoza, Training Manager, FRWDB, further informed the Council that all contracted schools had their agreements updated to include this guideline and were required to provide signed acknowledgment of receipt.

OLIVARES/DART – RECOMMENDED THE FRWDB ACCEPT THE ELIGIBLE TRAINING PROVIDER LIST MONITORING REPORT. (UNANIMOUS)

4. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult and Dislocated Worker Participant Training Report

Ms. Stogbauer presented the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult and Dislocated Worker Participant Training Report for the period of July 2023 through June 2025 for the Council's recommendation. She provided background on the State of California's Senate Bill 734 (2012), which increased the required allocation of formula funds for workforce training from 25% to 30% beginning in PY 2016-2017. Ms. Stogbauer also specified that the training services covered operate on a two-year life cycle and include Vocational Skills Training, Transitional Jobs (paid work experience), and On-the-Job Training Activities. She announced that training expenditures for the period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2025, were \$2,244,254 for Adult/Dislocated Worker and \$645,078 for Special projects; for a total expenditure amount of \$2,889,332. The final expenditure reflects 100% fulfillment of the mandated 30% expenditure by June 30, 2025, deadline.

OLIVARES/AVILA – RECOMMENDED THAT THE FRWDB ACCEPT THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT ADULT AND DISLOCATED WORKER PARTICIPANT TRAINING REPORT. (UNANIMOUS)

5. Individual Training Account Overview

Mr. Espinoza gave the Council an overview of the FRWDB's participant training activities and expenditures for the period of July 2025 through September 2025. Mr. Espinoza reviewed the industries in which participants were trained, the total number of individuals enrolled, how many participants completed these training programs, and how many were still actively training; for a total Individual Training Account expenditure of \$1,439,119.29.

Mr. Espinoza also presented a report on the number of unique individuals training in urban and rural areas. The report distinguished between males and females in these areas and included the total of unique individuals enrolled in training, how many unique individuals completed training, and how many unique individuals were still actively training. Mr. Espinoza also presented a chart showing the success rate of individuals enrolled for the First Quarter of PY 2025; which was 30.36% of enrolled participants, and that 4.06% of enrolled participants were unsuccessful or did not complete the training.

Director Olivares inquired as to whether Individual Training Account figures represented expenditures or obligations. Ms. Stogbauer clarified that the funds were obligated, with 50% of the amount awarded for training invoiced and paid upfront, 25% paid midway through training, and the final 25% paid upon completion.

Director Zabrycki inquired how automotive services enrollment could be increased and whether outreach efforts were targeting high schools. Mr. Espinoza confirmed that current information was not reaching high schools but mentioned that discussions were underway within the FRWDB to execute this task. Ms. Stogbauer mentioned that the automotive services industry needed to be heavily marketed.

Director Barnes noted an error in the total number of unique individuals training in urban and rural areas. Mr. Espinoza stated that he would bring a corrected report to the next meeting.

This was an information item.

6. ValleyBuild Overview

Ashley Matthews, Senior Special Projects Manager, FRWDB, spoke about the ValleyBuild Apprenticeship Readiness Program and the multiple grants that fund that project. Ms. Matthews shared a PowerPoint that included the regional performance progress of these grants as well as placement numbers for various regions, noting that the latter exceeded initial goals.

Director Olivares asked for the definition of "underserved population", referring to the Equal Representation in Construction Apprenticeship (ERiCA) grant, and whether income was a factor. Ms. Matthews explained that while definitions are funder-dependent, construction-sector metrics typically included minorities, women, veterans, and single parents. She confirmed that low-income disadvantaged populations were also included with specific grants.

Director Zabrycki asked whether grant metrics were tracked over time across different regions and if this data could be presented on a chart. Ms. Matthews confirmed that the data was tracked and that she would present them in a chart. but was uncertain about producing them on a chart. Director Zabrycki then asked if the FRWDB had ever published a story or report on these regional metrics. Ms. Matthews stated that she could put together a report together to present at the next graduation.

This was an information item.

7. Golden State Forestry Corps Overview

Beatriz Lopez, Special Projects Manager, FRWDB, provided an overview of the Golden State Forestry Corps, which included a PowerPoint presentation that showed the program's regional performance progress, and shared about upcoming events through December 2025. Currently

in progress were four (4) cohorts, one in each of the following areas: Sonora, Oakhurst, Fresno, and Bakersfield. Mr. Konczal noted that the geographies covered in this report were the same geographies that are represented in the ValleyBuild program. He noted that FRWDB took what they learned with ValleyBuild and applied that to the Forestry program.

This was an information item.

8. Adult Discretionary Grants Report

Ms. McAlister presented an overview of the Adult Discretionary grant funding. She discussed the Fresno Fatherhood Grant, the Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships Grant, the Prison to Employment Grant, and the English Language Learner Integrated Education and Training (ELL IET) Grant.

In her overview, Ms. McAlister stated each grant's purpose, target population, and period of performance. She stated that although FRWDB met all enrollment and completion goals for the Fatherhood Program, FRWDB did not receive funding to continue the program for another year, so that program has concluded. She also reported that for the ELL IET program, enrollment and training completion rates met goals; however, the employment rates for this program did not. In an effort to better serve participants of this program, FRWDB has terminated its contract with the current training provider and will transition program participants to be served by internal FRWDB staff for the remainder of the grant, which ends in December 2026.

This was an information item.

9. Youth Discretionary Grants Report

Ka Xiong, Contracting Manager, FRWDB, presented an overview of the Youth Discretionary grant funding. The overview included the Emergency Medical Services Corps Planning and Implementation Grant and the STEP 2.0 Grant. Ms. Xiong reviewed each program's purpose, target population, and performance period, and noted that each grant was at various stages of their grant cycle. She pointed out that for the STEP grant, the service provider has met enrollment and Job Readiness Workshop goals, but Work Experience goals have not. FRWDB staff will meet with the provider on a monthly basis to ensure that their goals are met by the end of the year.

This was an information item.

10. Overview of Staff Trainings

Mr. Espinoza presented an overview of staff trainings that had occurred in the First Quarter, which included a training on time management, youth eligibility and intake procedures, and compliance guidance for youth providers. He also provided an overview of upcoming staff trainings for the Second Quarter of Program Year 2025-2026. The biggest training in the Second Quarter will be the All Staff Conference on November 20, 2025. All FRWDB and Provider staff will attend and the focus of the conference will be on AI in the workplace.

This was an information item.

11. Information Sharing

There was no information shared by council members.

12. February 4, 2026, Agenda Items

Director Avila asked for a report on the November 20, 2025, AI Training at the All Staff Conference.

13. Meeting Feedback

There was no meeting feedback provided.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

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AGENDA ITEM:	2
MEETING DATE:	February 4, 2026
ACTION:	RECOMMEND TO ACCEPT

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TO: Skills Development Council
FROM: Rebecca Moncivais, Monitoring Manager
SUBJECT: Eligible Training Provider List Monitoring Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) accept the following Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Monitoring Report for the Second Quarter of Program Year 2025 – 2026.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

FRWDB staff conducts monitoring of all ETPL providers to ensure compliance with federal, state, and local regulations and/or policies.

The attached table is an overview of the ETPL monitoring during the period of October 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

ATTACHMENT:

Eligible Training Provider List Monitoring Report – Second Quarter, Program Year 2025-2026

Eligible Training Provider List Monitoring Report

Second Quarter, Program Year 2025-2026

Monitoring of the following schools was **completed** during the second quarter of Program Year (PY) 2025-2026:

School	State ID	Results
Valley Regional Occupational Program	7591	No Findings
San Joaquin Valley College	30003566	No Findings
Institute of Technology	430	In Process

Monitoring of the following school was in **process** during the second quarter of PY 2025-2026:

School	State ID	Results
Clovis Adult Education	493	In Process

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ACTION: INFORMATION

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TO: Skills Development Council

FROM: Jose Espinoza, Training Manager

SUBJECT: Individual Training Account Overview

INFORMATION:

This following report is for the period of July 2025 – December 2025.

Industry	Enrolled	Completed	Active	Total ITA Expenditures
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, and Payroll	53	22	31	\$342,522.82
Administrative and Support Services	23	20	3	\$129,326.50
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	1	1	0	\$7,965.00
Automotive Services	2	0	2	\$1,009.10
Construction	40	11	29	\$255,000.00
Contract Management	1	0	1	\$2,590.50
Energy	4	4	0	\$11,338.25
Health Care and Social Assistance	179	69	110	\$863,608.10
Information Service	31	18	13	\$123,002.25
Logging and Forestry	13	11	2	\$0
Manufacturing	39	17	22	\$349,415.25
Marketing Analysis Services	1	1	0	\$0
Transportation and Warehousing	31	25	6	\$40,671.50
Totals	418	199	219	\$2,126,449.27

Enrolled: Training activities that were open at some point during the period, regardless of the begin date of the activity.

Completed: Training activities that ended during the period.

Active: Training activities that were open as of December 31, 2025. This number includes unsuccessful completions as well.

Expenditures: The amount that has been paid for the activities shown, through December 31, 2025.

The following chart is based on unique clients by gender as of December 31, 2025.

Unique Clients by Gender			
	Male	Female	N/A
	145	158	1
	54	60	0
Total	199	218	1

The following chart shows Urban and rural enrollments as of December 31, 2025.

	Total in Training	All Completed Training Activity	Active Training Activity	Total Unique Clients
Urban	304	144	160	304
Rural	114	55	59	114
Urban & Rural Total	418	199	219	418

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TO: Skills Development Council
FROM: Ashley Matthews, Senior Special Projects Manager
SUBJECT: ValleyBuild Overview

INFORMATION:

Competitive grant funding opportunities enable the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) to bring special workforce development projects to Fresno and surrounding counties. Through various funding sources, these projects aim to establish pathways to employment in Construction and support the development of a resilient workforce.

ValleyBuild

To provide skilled training to unemployed, underemployed and barriered individuals in the in-demand construction sector in partnership with 14 counties.

The ValleyBuild Apprenticeship Readiness Program consists of an intensive six (6)-week, full-time, Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) certified training in partnership with local Building Trade Councils providing hands-on skills training. Participants receive industry recognized certificates such as OSHA 10, CPR/First Aid, Forklift, and Hazardous Waste Awareness. Wrap-around job services such as physical training, resume development, mock interviewing and supportive services are provided to ensure a high rate of employment for students upon graduation. Enhanced services include a three (3) to four (4)-week preparatory "Bootcamp" and eight (8)-week paid work experience, post MC3.

ValleyBuild currently operates under five (5) active grants:

High Road Construction Careers: Resilient Workforce Fund (Regional) \$8,825,127.00

Purpose: The grant aims to advance careers in the building and construction trades as a reliable pathway to the middle class for disadvantaged Californians via multi-craft pre-apprenticeship training and promotes adoption of local hiring provisions in public construction contracts.

Target Population: Women, English Language Learners, Justice Involved, Youth, and under-resourced individuals.

Period of Performance: June 1, 2023, through March 31, 2026

ValleyBuild NOW State Earmark (Regional) \$3,000,000.00

Purpose: The grant will support the expansion of the ValleyBuild NOW (Non-Traditional Occupations for Women) program to serve low-income women and under-represented groups more effectively through specialized pre-apprenticeship training that will prepare them for careers in the building and construction trades by:

- Increasing opportunities for women and under-represented groups in the building and construction trades
- Adopting strategies that make participation in training possible for low-income women
- Supporting, encouraging, and coaching women throughout the apprenticeship phase of their new careers in construction

Target Population: Women and other underrepresented populations in the construction sector.

Period of Performance: April 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026

Additional Deliverables:

- Hold two (2) annual conferences focusing on women in non-traditional work
- Create "Respectful Workplace" training for construction sector employer use

Good Jobs Challenge (Local) \$1,807,382.48

Purpose: The Fresno County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was awarded funding in partnership with the Fresno K-16 Collaborative, San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance, Generation USA, Madera Workforce Development Board, and FRWDB under the Economic Development Administration's American Rescue Plan Good Jobs Challenge. \$23,015,216 was awarded to Fresno County EDC to fund the project in the Central Valley. Serving as the construction backbone of the project, the FRWDB was awarded \$1,807,382.48 in grant funds to expand career opportunities for Americans to reach their full potential and secure good-paying jobs. Specifically, this funding will support the expansion of the ValleyBuild program and will prepare jobseekers for careers in the building and construction trades.

Target Population: All

Period of Performance: June 1, 2023, through September 30, 2027

High Roads Construction Careers (HRCC) – State Community College Center District (Local) \$204,148.00

Purpose: FRWDB was awarded a \$204,148.00 contract under the State Center Community College District's HRCC grant to support the ValleyBuild Project with additional staffing and outreach events, including a career fair, women's conference trip, and National Apprentice Week event.

Target Population: N/A

Period of Performance: October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2026

High Roads Training Partnership (HRTTP) – California Legacy Well Service (CLWS) (Regional) \$40,000.00

Purpose: FRWDB was awarded a \$40,000.00 contract under the CLWS's HRTTP grant to conduct four (4), one (1)-week supplemental well-capping training for the ValleyBuild Cohorts planned in Kern County. Students will then be eligible for direct hire and/or work experience with CLWS.

Target Population: N/A

Period of Performance: July 19, 2023, through March 16, 2026

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TO: Skills Development Council
FROM: Beatriz Lopez, Special Projects Manager
SUBJECT: Greater Sierra Forestry Corps Overview

INFORMATION:

Competitive grant funding opportunities enable the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) to bring special workforce development projects to Fresno and surrounding counties. Through various funding sources, these projects aim to establish pathways to employment in Forestry and support the development of a resilient workforce.

Greater Sierra Forestry Corps

Greater Sierra Forestry Corps (GSFC) is a partnership of private industry, workforce agencies, community colleges, organized labor, and environmental organizations committed to bringing additional resources to train new workers to deal with the ever-growing problem of dead and dying trees in the Greater Sierra. Partners include Mother Lode Job Training, Columbia College, Sierra Resource Management, Yosemite Adult School, Cal FIRE Local 2881, National Federation of Federal Employees: Forest Service Council 2995, Associated California Loggers, Sierra Pacific Industries, TuCare, Tuolumne River Trust, Yosemite Stanislaus Solutions, Sierra Resource Conservation District.

The program consists of an intensive three (3)-phase 20-week, full-time training in partnership with the Local Conservation Corps and Adult Education providers delivering hands-on skills training. Participants receive industry recognized certificates listed below. Wraparound job services such as physical training, resume development, mock interviewing and supportive services are provided to ensure a high rate of employment for students upon graduation. Training time includes an eight (8)-week paid work experience.

Certifications:
HAZWOPER-40
OSHA-10
First Aid/CPR

NWCG Certifications:
S-212
L-180
S-190
S-130
FEMA-ICS-100
FEMA-ICS-200
FEMA-ICS-700
FEMA-ICS-800

The GSFC currently operates under two (2) active grants:

Cal Fire Round 2 (Regional) \$1,973,614.60

Purpose: This funding will expand the GSFC model to provide valuable forestry training to 85 residents in Fresno County and the Mother Lode region, including but not limited to Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, and Tuolumne counties.

Target Population: Adult, Dislocated Workers, and Young Adults

Period of Performance: March 22, 2023, through March 31, 2026

High Road Training Partnership - Resilient Workforce Fund (Regional) \$2,500,000.00

Purpose: The grant will support the development of a skilled workforce necessary to mitigate or adapt to climate disruption and environmental threats. Specifically, this funding will support the expansion of the GSFC program, a best practice model developed to recruit, train, provide work experience, and link local residents to quality entry-level jobs in the forestry sector.

Target Population: Adult, Dislocated Workers, and Young Adults

Period of Performance: June 1, 2023, through March 31, 2026

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TO: Skills Development Council

FROM: Veronica McAlister, Associate Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Adult and Young Adult Discretionary Grants Report

INFORMATION:

Competitive grant funding opportunities enable the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) to bring additional workforce development resources to Fresno and surrounding counties. Through various funding sources, these projects aim to establish pathways to employment in a variety of sectors and support the development of a resilient workforce.

Discretionary Grants Overview

Grant	Purpose	Grant End Date	Served to Date
English Language Learner Integrated Education and Training (ELL-IET)	Provides English language learners with integrated English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction and workforce training that leads to credentials and employment.	12/31/2026	112
Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships (RERP)	Improves job quality and job access for people from under-served and under-represented populations.	12/31/2026	194
Prison to Employment (P2E)	Connects formerly incarcerated individuals to workforce services that support successful transition into employment.	6/30/2026	62
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Corps	Prepares young adults for careers in emergency medical services through training, certification, and wrap-around services.	1/31/2027	22
One Fresno Youth	Provides supportive services needed for employment.	12/31/2026	76
*Student Training and Employment Program (STEP) 2.0	Offers paid work experience and subsidized employment to help participants build skills and transition to unsubsidized jobs.	*12/31/2025	53
**Growth Opportunities	Prepares justice-involved youth and young adults for the world of work through education and training, paid work experience, mentorship, and leadership development.	8/31/2028	**0

*This grant has ended.

**Client Services will start in spring 2026.

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TO: Skills Development Council

FROM: Jose Espinoza, Manager, Intergovernmental & Community Partnerships

SUBJECT: Overview of Staff Trainings

INFORMATION:

The list below shows trainings that occurred during the Second Quarter of Program Year 2025-2026. These trainings were made available for Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board staff, Provider staff, and partner staff.

1. October 30th – Compliance Guidance Part 2 (For Youth Providers)
2. November 20th - FRWDB All Staff Conference (Ai)
3. December 4th - Eligibility & Intake Procedures Training
(For Adult/ Dislocated Worker Providers)

The following trainings have occurred or will be offered during the Third Quarter of PY 2025-2026:

1. January 22nd - Improving Vocational Self Efficacy
2. February 18th - Compliance Guidance Part 1
(For Adult/ Dislocated Worker Providers)
3. March 18th - Compliance Guidance Part 2
(For Adult/ Dislocated Worker Providers)