# Panel: Leveraging Perkins Funding to Serve Special Populations

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# **Agenda**

- Introduction of Panelist
- Discussion of Perkins funds
- Perkins funds for Special Populations
- Q and A



## **Achievement Gap - EL's and Graduation**

#### **CLNA 2023**

- 57% of the seniors that did not meet graduation requirements by May 2023 were designated as ELL.
- 62.5% of seniors were on a Jump Start pathway.
- These statistics are not reflective of ELL or Jump Start participation numbers.
- An outsized number of students that are designated both ELL and Jump Start are having difficulty achieving graduation on time.



## **Response - Professional Development**

#### Spring 2024

- Audience CTE, Career Connected Learning Content teachers across consortium schools.
- Facilitator NOMMA ELL Coordinator with 20+ years of ESL experience
  - o SIOP, SEI Certified in adult professional education
- Data Driven Planning
  - Quantitative Data trends across consortium re: CTE and EL's
  - Qualitative Teacher surveys re: experience and barriers in delivering content to EL's.
- **Format** -3 Saturday sessions, with one deliverable (differentiated lesson plan) submitted at the conclusion of sessions.



## **Training Focus Areas**

- Who are EL's? Why is differentiation important vs. bilingual education?
- Language acquisition based on:
  - Context
  - Content
  - Developmental Factors
- Understanding and utilizing LA Connectors and their role in English Language acquisition.
- The 4 language domains and how to address with LA Language Objectives
- Explore and experiment with the SIOP model as a means of differentiating.
- Leveraging AI to support lesson planning and differentiation.



## **Ongoing Efforts**

Special Populations are a continued focus of the NOLA Type 2 Consortium

- FY 23-24: Collaborative instructor focused PD series with YouthForce NOLA and NOLA PS
  - o ELL
  - SPED/504
- FY 24-25: Collaborative non-instructional staff focused PD with NOLA
  - Gap Analysis, program evaluation
  - o ELL
  - o SPED/504
  - Disengaged youth
  - Justice associated youth
  - Non-traditional CTE students



# **YouthForce NOLA**

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# **City of Bogalusa Schools**

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# **Bogalusa: Investing in Professional Development**

#### Align the CLNA and School-Wide Plan

 The CLNA identifies needs, ensuring professional development addresses key gaps. Alignment with district and school goals strengthens program effectiveness.

#### **Train Teachers and Staff**

 Workshops and certifications enhance teaching skills, equipping educators with the latest knowledge and industry standards.

#### **Support Industry Collaboration**

 Cross-training between educators and industry professionals fosters real-world connections, bridging the gap between classroom and career.

### **Modernizing Equipment and** Curriculum

#### Focus on Workforce Readiness

Specialized tools like forklifts prepare students for specific careers. Platforms like iCEV provide comprehensive career planning and development resources.

#### **Address CLNA-Identified Needs**

The CLNA identifies gaps that point to technology and equipment needs, ensuring investments align with current and future workforce demands.

#### **Innovative Curriculum Development**

New Pathways and updates to existing programs reflect industry needs, ensuring relevant and practical skills development. We always make a long term plan for 3 years rule and have a rotation.





# Monitoring, Evaluating & Driving Impact

**Track & Evaluate Outcomes:** Perkins indicators monitor student success, such as graduation rates, credential attainment, and job placement.

**Strategic Fund Usage:** Prioritize purchases not covered by other sources, maximizing impact. Detailed records demonstrate accountability and compliance.

**Continuous Improvement:** Evaluation data and stakeholder feedback refine programs, keeping them current with workforce needs.

**Be Honest & Creative for the Students:** Evaluate what is being used and with is not on a regular basis, monitor the classes for use. (Look in closets), ask business partners what else is needed. Build what you need!



# **Final Thoughts**



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