

# **FUTURE READY NEW JERSEY**

**A Statewide Coalition to Expand  
Opportunity and Prosperity**

**NJCCC Council Meeting  
September 15, 2025**



# FUTUREREADY STATES

NJCCC will work closely with a broad array of community college, employer, union, workforce development, social justice, and other partners to:

- **Define and commit** to a broad credential attainment goal that we collectively think makes sense for New Jersey and that reflects our values of equity and economic prosperity.
- **Build** a sustained, innovative, action-focused coalition dedicated to advancing economic mobility in our state; and
- **Design** a policy agenda that can inform the priorities of our state's next Governor when they take office in January 2026. This policy agenda will be updated throughout the initiative to include the final **Future Ready States** action plan, which will:
  - Evaluate and enhance [workforce training investments](#), aligning them with employer needs and labor market outcomes; and
  - Ensure that [short-term credentials](#) are stackable and offer pathways to further education and training.

# Building the Future Ready New Jersey Cross-Sector Coalition

## Initial Leadership Core Team

- African American Chamber of Commerce of NJ
- Engineers Labor-Management Fund of IUOE 825
- Garden State Employment & Training Association
- New Jersey Council for the Humanities
- New Jersey Institute for Social Justice
- New Jersey Business and Industry Association
- Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey
- United Way of Northern New Jersey

## **NJCCC has reached out to 200 additional partners – including:**

- NJ Council of County Vocational-Technical High Schools
- Hunger Free New Jersey
- Mental Health Association in New Jersey
- NJ Policy Perspectives
- NJ State Chamber of Commerce
- Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey
- YMCA State Alliance

# Design principles for programs, policies, and funding investments to increase credential attainment in New Jersey

- **Commit to Quality Credentials** that are grounded in needs of changing economy and that lead to good-paying jobs.
- **Develop Stackable Credentials** that connect to transfer pathways and further credential and degree opportunities
- **Ensure ALL New Jerseyans have Access and Support to be Successful.**
- **Foster broad partnerships** that are dedicated to increasing both economic mobility and prosperity in New Jersey. Who else needs to be at the table?



# LAUNCHING THE FUTURE READY NEW JERSEY COALITION

Uniting business, labor, social justice, education, and workforce organizations to build broadly shared prosperity for New Jersey

September 30, 2025, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Middlesex College, West Hall, Parkview Room