CLEAR

Building Skills, Shaping Futures

The Career Learning, Exploration, and Readiness Community of Practice (CLEAR CoP) supports middle school educators in understanding the value of career readiness opportunities before high school. This six-session virtual series brings together key middle school influencers, to explore the importance of transferable skills, early exposure to career pathways, and the impact of Career Technical Education (CTE) in expanding students' future opportunities.

Target Audience:

Middle school educators and counselors, who are eager to learn and reflect on how their influence shapes student pathways are encouraged to apply. A willingness to co-create and collaborate to build a strong learning community is required. **Space is LIMITED!**

Participant Perks:

- **$500 stipend** for participation and successful completion of CLEAR monthly sessions and activities
- A **collaborative space** for learning, networking, and exchanging best practices around career readiness with like-minded individuals

Details:

- Sessions will be held monthly, **October 2026 to March 2027**
- Completion of assigned activities between sessions is required to support continued learning and collaboration
- All sessions will be held virtually via Zoom meetings outside of school hours
- Time/dates will be determined by participant response during the application process

Topics Include:

- Uncovering the truth about CTE - addressing common biases and myths
- Building transferable skills - understanding how CTE develops essential life and career abilities
- Showcasing local opportunities - highlighting CTE programs and offerings across West Virginia

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Program Requirements

100%

of past cohort participants reported an increased understanding of transferable skills and middle school career readiness exploration.

Deadline to Apply: **September 25th**
Notifications will be made by **October 2nd**

Application Components

Participant Information:
Contact and school information, grade level/subjects teaching

Pre-Program Questionnaire: (please include your responses in the application below)

- **Interest (300 words or less)**
  - Why are you interested in participating in this CoP?
- **Brief Personal Statements**
  - What do you hope to **give** to this cohort?
  - What do you hope to **gain** from this cohort?
- **Comfort Level with Learning Communities**
  - How comfortable are you creating a learning community with fellow educators?

Apply Now

Participants will receive a $500 stipend for their full participation in the program.

- Full participation includes attendance, submission of pre-work (forms, survey, assessment), and active participation in all live/virtual sessions. **Additionally, please plan to attend all virtual sessions with video (camera on) and audio working.**

> **"I no longer ask students 'What they want to be when they grow up' but ask 'What careers or areas are of interest to you right now?"**
> **25-26 Cohort Participant'**

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