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OWINN PUBLISHES ITS 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT, HIGHLIGHTING ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PREVIEWING UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

LAS VEGAS/CARSON CITY, NV (February 28, 2019) – The Nevada [Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation](#) (OWINN) recently released its 2017-2018 [Annual Report](#) highlighting key performance measures and accomplishments from the previous year and previewing upcoming activities for 2019. OWINN's achievements this past year aligns with its mission of creating a vibrant and sustainable economy propelled by a skilled and diverse workforce with the help of committed public and private partners.

A key component in cultivating Nevada's future workforce is harnessing the power of work-based learning, defined as providing students with authentic work experiences where they can apply and develop skills that support their future success in career and education.

In 2017-2018, OWINN had meaningful accomplishments that advanced work-based learning in Nevada. OWINN received \$80,000 and participated in the National Governors Association's Work-Based Learning Academy to scale work-based learning for young adults. Further, OWINN received nearly one million dollars in ApprenticeshipUSA State Expansion grant funds from the U.S. Department of Labor for policy and planning to promote and advance what OWINN believes is a gold standard of work-based learning - Registered Apprenticeships. During the past year, Nevada added two new apprenticeship programs and saw the expansion of 11 additional occupations, increasing opportunities for Nevadans, particularly underrepresented populations, to access high-quality jobs in high-demand industries.

"2017-2018 has been a great year for innovation in workforce development," said Manny Lamarre, Executive Director of OWINN. "Our staff has worked tirelessly to align and design programs and expand opportunities for Nevadans. Our early success is also made possible because we have great partners and strong cross agency collaboration."

OWINN organized several events focused on work-based learning, including the *Governor's Education to Workforce Summit*, which increased awareness of Nevada's efforts to scale work-based learning and career pathways in front of hundreds of public and private workforce professionals, and the *2018 Student Workforce and Innovation Summit* where OWINN, Clark County School District, and other core partners helped 176 mostly high school seniors identified as not having a post-graduation plan connect with local employers, workforce training, and resources. Further, during National Apprenticeship Week, OWINN helped promote the expansion and promise of apprenticeship opportunities to dozens of high school students by inviting them to tour local apprenticeship programs, meet with instructors, and participate in hands-on activities.

An important accomplishment of 2018 was OWINN's successful launch of [LifeWorksNV.org](#), an online statewide work-based learning hub in English and Spanish that connects young adults to internships, apprenticeships, and on-the-job training, and helps educators and businesses connect to work-based learning resources and career technical education programs of study.

Additional accomplishments for OWINN during 2017-2018 include participating in the Occupational Licensing Policy and Practice Learning Consortium to review challenges occupational licensing may pose to labor-market entry, developing new data visualizations and user interfaces on the [Nevada P-20 to Workforce Research Data System](#) (NPWR) to better engage Nevadans on workforce data, and awarding school districts with funds to support high school students who want to earn industry-recognized credentials in high-demand industries. OWINN's Executive Director also partnered with the Aspen Institute Education & Society Program to develop a national [workforce rubric](#) for new workforce policy staff after the 2018 mid-term elections.

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