Career Technology and Workforce Development Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Pass comprehensive requirements for licensing authorities to restrict licensing on the basis of criminal history.

Recommendation 2: Report on how many licenses have been denied due to criminal history since 2021.

Recommendation 3: Require licensing authorities to report when they deny a license based on criminal history.

Recommendation 4: Use the MLDSC data partnership to align occupational programming with labor market outcomes.

Recommendation 5: Continue to build up transitional programming.

Recommendation 6: Create a pilot program to use Work Release to place pre-apprenticeship graduates into community apprenticeships when they are within 18 months of release, ensuring they are released employment-ready with job connections.

Recommendation 7: Include a line item to fund the Certified Peer Recovery Specialist program with the opportunity to expand with grant funding.