CASE FILE 2026

CTE DATA SUMMIT

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CASE BRIEF

Location: Lowry Conference Center, Denver

Date: Wednesday, November I8th

8:10-8:40	Registration & Breakfast	
8:40-9:20	Morning Briefing: Welcome with Victoria Crownover, Associate State Director of CTE Case Updates with Katherine Keegan, Lead for Workforce Systems Coordination with the Governor's Office	100ABC
9:20-9:30	Break	
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11:45-1:15	Lunch & Intelligence Update with Dr. Keith Richard, Vice Chancellor for Workforce Solutions and Innovation	100ABC
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	Cracking the Case on Perkins Improvement & Professional Development (All)	104
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2:30-3:30	**BREAKOUT SESSION 4**	
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	Five Gateway Reports You Need for Investigative Insights (All)	104
	Solving the CTA Puzzle: From Board Rules to Successful Submission (Secondary)	105
	Cracking the WBL Case: Tracking Participation, Collecting Evidence & Connecting the Data (Secondary)	200A
3:30-3:45	Break	
3:45-4:30	Case Debrief	100ABC

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

9:30-10:30 BREAKOUT SESSION 1

Gumshoes & Dashboards: Unraveling the Numbers in COdata
Room: 100ABC
Audience: All
Presenter: Dr. Heather MacGillivary, Office of Information Technology

Grab your fedora and dust off your magnifying glass—it's time to hit the digital pavement. In this interactive session, you'll step into the role of a data gumshoe to track down elusive student outcome trends inside Colorado's Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS). We'll follow the trail of credentials, interrogate the dashboard metrics, and crack the case on how to derive insights to transform career pathways

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Decoded: Turning Program Data into Program Quality
Room: 104
Audience: All
Presenter: Jennifer Cormier, CCCS

What if the program quality data you already have could tell a bigger story? This session introduces a simple four-question model you can bring back to teachers and classrooms, so everyone can read the data, act on it, and drive improvement. You'll leave with ready-to-use templates to move your programs four-ward together.

The Data Detective's Guide to Perkins Performance Metrics
Room: 105
Audience: All
Presenter: Emily Fickbohm, CCCS

Put on your detective hat and uncover the clues hidden in your Perkins V performance data! In this workshop, participants will investigate state and local performance metrics, identify trends and gaps, and explore what the data reveals about CTE student outcomes. Through hands-on analysis and guided discussion, participants will connect the evidence to root causes, identify opportunities for improvement, and develop actionable strategies to strengthen program performance. Leave with a sharper eye for data, new insights into your programs, and practical next steps to support student success and meet Perkins V performance targets.

9:30–10:30 BREAKOUT SESSION 1, CONT.

Case Files: Investigating CTE Innovation Grants
Room: 200A
Audience: All
Presenters: Dr. Chris Ammons, Red Rocks Community College; Leslee Herre, Douglas County School District; Axel Reitzig, St. Vrain School District; Sara Butler, CCCS; Heidi Sellers, CCCS

Explore how districts and colleges are leveraging CTE Innovation Grants to implement creative solutions and strengthen career and technical education. Hear about experiences from past grant recipients, exchange ideas with peers, and participate in a brainstorming session to develop and refine ideas for a grant submission of your own.

10:45–11:45 BREAKOUT SESSION 2

From Data to Action: How Can Institutions Become Labor Market-Aware?
Room: 100ABC
Audience: All
Presenters: Dr. Zach Harberler, Colorado Mountain College; Dr. Gina Johnson, Postsecondary Employment Outcomes Coalition; Katie Zaback, Zaback Solutions

At last year's conference, participants shared how they were using wage outcomes and the questions they were working to answer. This session builds on that conversation by connecting Colorado Mountain College's approach to integrating employer demand and wage outcomes into their program review process, the Postsecondary Employment Outcomes (PSEO) Coalition's work, and Colorado's Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS), COdata. We will explore how institutions can bring together internal program measures, workforce demand, and graduate outcomes to strengthen program review and decision-making. The discussion will connect participants' experiences with data resources, institutional practice, and a national effort to build Labor Market-Aware Institutions committed to strengthening programs without reducing their value to a single metric.

Alma User Group
Room: 104
Audience: Secondary
Presenters: Rebecca Coleman, Alma; Garrett Girouard, Alma

Calling all data detectives! Join us as we crack the case of Colorado CTE reporting in Alma. We'll reveal the evidence behind big breakthroughs like automated status calculations, trace the clues to where your data lives, solve the most common setup mysteries, and open the floor for your tips on which case we should take on next.

10:45–11:45 BREAKOUT SESSION 2, CONT.

PowerSchool User Group
Room: 105
Audience: Secondary
Presenter: Jason Wilson, PowerSchool

Join the conversation for best practices and troubleshooting CTE-related tasks in PowerSchool.

Compare Clues: Share your Wins and Struggles with Infinite Campus & VE-135
Room: 106
Audience: Secondary
Facilitator: Jim Trainer, 27J Schools

Infinite Campus users will have the opportunity to share the data mysteries they've solved and the cases they're still working to crack. This attendee-driven session will be a chance to exchange ideas, share strategies, and learn from one another's experiences.

Investigating the Evidence: Analyzing Five Year Trend Reports for Program Success (All)
Room: 200A
Audience: All
Presenter: Lori Lacefield, CCCS

This session will provide a brief overview of the Five-Year Trend Reports available in the Gateway, as well as working time to run and analyze your own reports.

1:15–2:15 BREAKOUT SESSION 3

A New Case File: Cracking the Code on New HB25-1278 Sub-Indicators
Room: 100ABC
Audience: All
Panelists: Dr. Anna Perkins, Colorado Department of Education; Dr. Michelle Romero, Colorado Department of Education; John Steele, Montrose County School District; Leigh Nansel, Montrose County School District
Moderator: Victoria Crownover, CCCS

What do the new postsecondary and workforce readiness performance sub-indicators mean for CTE programs and school districts? This session will provide an overview of HB 25-1278 and the four performance sub-indicators scheduled for implementation beginning in the 2027-28 school year. Panelists will discuss the implications, implementation challenges and opportunities, and share perspectives on what these changes mean for schools and students.

1:15-2:15 BREAKOUT SESSION 3, CONT.

Cracking the Case on Perkins Improvement & Professional Development
Room: 104
Audience: All
Presenter: Holly Kelley, NE BOCES

Join us as we crack the case on how NE BOCES consortium is addressing Perkins improvement needs in literacy, math, and work-based learning. This session will explore efforts being implemented across consortium districts to strengthen CTE programs and improve student outcomes. We will also highlight opportunities for meaningful, high-quality professional development designed specifically for CTE teachers.

The Postsecondary Detective Desk: Talking through the Case
Room: 105
Audience: Postsecondary
Facilitators: Sara Butler, CCCS; Lori Lacefield, CCCS

Pull up a chair at the Postsecondary Detective Desk! We'll be facilitating an informal discussion for postsecondary colleagues to compare notes, share perspectives, and talk through the issues, opportunities, and challenges facing postsecondary CTE. Bring a question for the group, topic of interest, or intriguing idea if you have something on your mind.

The Opportunity Gap Investigation
Room: 200A
Audience: All
Presenter: Emily Fickbohm, CCCS

Every data point leaves a clue! In this workshop, participants will investigate their Opportunity Gap Analysis dashboards to uncover patterns of over- and underrepresentation among special populations and explore the root causes behind these disparities. Using the CTE Goal-Setting Tool, participants will connect the evidence to identify which programs, special populations, and Perkins V performance metrics require the greatest attention in the coming years. Along the way, participants will share feedback on how to better leverage these tools within Perkins applications and develop strategies to bridge opportunity gaps, strengthen equitable access, and improve outcomes for all CTE learners. Leave ready to turn data into evidence, evidence into action, and clues into meaningful change!

2:30–3:30 BREAKOUT SESSION 4

Connect the Clues: Building a Coordinated Employer Engagement Strategy
Room: 100ABC
Audience: All
Panelists: Abby Ault, Innovate Work Consulting; Stephanie Mufic, Colorado Department of Labor and Employment; Brad Revare, Colorado Succeeds
Moderator: Renise Walker, Colorado Workforce Development Council

How can we uncover opportunities to better coordinate employer engagement, strengthen partnerships, and create meaningful experiences for students? Panelists will investigate strategies for aligning outreach across partners, share ways to measure success, and reveal practical steps for turning the clues into action. Together, we'll crack the case for more coordinated, impactful employer engagement!

Five Gateway Reports You Need for Investigative Insights
Room: 104
Audience: All
Presenter: Victoria Crownover, CCCS

Every good data detective needs the right tools! Explore five essential CTE Gateway reports that can help you uncover important insights, spot trends, answer key questions, and turn CTE data into actionable information. Learn where to find the clues and how to use them to crack your next data case.

Solving the CTA Puzzle: From Board Rules to Successful Submission
Room: 105
Audience: Secondary
Presenters: Emily Fickbohm, CCCS; Heidi Sellers, CCCS

The latest updates are in, and it's time to open the case file! In this session, participants will investigate the 2026 CTA reimbursement updates, including changes to Board rules and what they mean for district planning and submissions. Using the CTA worksheet and other available resources, participants will examine key requirements, identify common pitfalls, and uncover strategies for preparing accurate, complete, and successful reimbursement submissions—not just this year, but in the years ahead. Leave with a clearer understanding of the updated rules, practical tools to guide district planning, and a roadmap for staying organized, prepared, and ready to close the case on CTA reimbursement.

2:30–3:30 BREAKOUT SESSION 4, CONT.

Cracking the WBL Case: Tracking Participation, Collecting Evidence & Connecting the Data
Room: 200A
Audience: Secondary
Presenters: Kelsey Berger, Poudre School District; Andy Stevens, Poudre School District

Tracking work-based learning (WBL) across a district can feel like detective work! Learn how Poudre School District identifies student participation, collects and verifies documentation, and organizes WBL data to support CTE/Perkins reporting and the PWR Big 3. We'll share practical strategies for engaging staff and students in the documentation process, tracking participation and hours, and creating systems that work regardless of the technology platform your district uses.

Session Slides/Handouts
https://cteincolorado.org/2026-data-summit-resources/

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