Colorado Workforce Development Council  
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act  
New Council Responsibilities

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) contains specific details on the functions of State workforce development boards. The items below are new responsibilities for the State board created in WIOA that were not a part of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA). The exact statutory language regarding these responsibilities is available upon request.

1. Review policies and plans of all one-stop partners, including those that are not “core programs” of WIOA to ensure a streamlined and aligned workforce development system.

2. Support continuous improvement of the Workforce Development System through:
   a) Developing strategies to support career pathways
   b) Developing strategies for outreach and access to customers
   c) Developing and expanding strategies for sector partnerships
   d) Identifying planning and local regions
   e) Improving the one-stop delivery system
   f) Supporting and training staff on all partner programs

3. Identify and disseminate best practices relating to:
   a) One-stop centers
   b) Local workforce boards
   c) Training Programs

4. Develop and review policies coordinating the one-stop delivery system, including:
   a) Effectiveness criteria
   b) Allocation of infrastructure funds
   c) Policies on partner roles and cost-allocation

5. Develop strategies for technology to improve the quality of services

6. Develop strategies to align technology and data systems across one-stop partner programs

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