



NATIONAL SKILLS COALITION  
Every worker. Every industry. A strong economy.

# Five Things You Need to Know about WIOA

WE Global Network  
Convening

*Panel on Serving  
Highly Skilled Immigrants  
July 9, 2015*

# WIOA is a Substantial Federal Investment in Job Training & Education...

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## *Title I (workforce)*

- \$2.62 billion in funding
- ~200,000 people served via job training
- Millions more provided job-search assistance



## *Title II (adult education)*

- \$700 million in funding
- ~1.6 million people served via classes

*Individuals eligible for WIOA services are typically low-income and/or have low basic skills in reading, math, or spoken English.*



# ... But Need is Far Greater than Capacity

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- Results from OECD's international Survey of Adult Skills show that **36 million Americans** ages 16-65 have low basic skills
- One-third (**12 million**) are immigrants

*Learn more: [www.piaacgateway.com](http://www.piaacgateway.com)*



# Immigrant Professionals Can Be Served Under WIOA

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- Adult education – *if they have Limited English Proficiency*
- Workforce services – *if they are low income and/or meet other eligibility criteria*



# Near-Term Opportunities

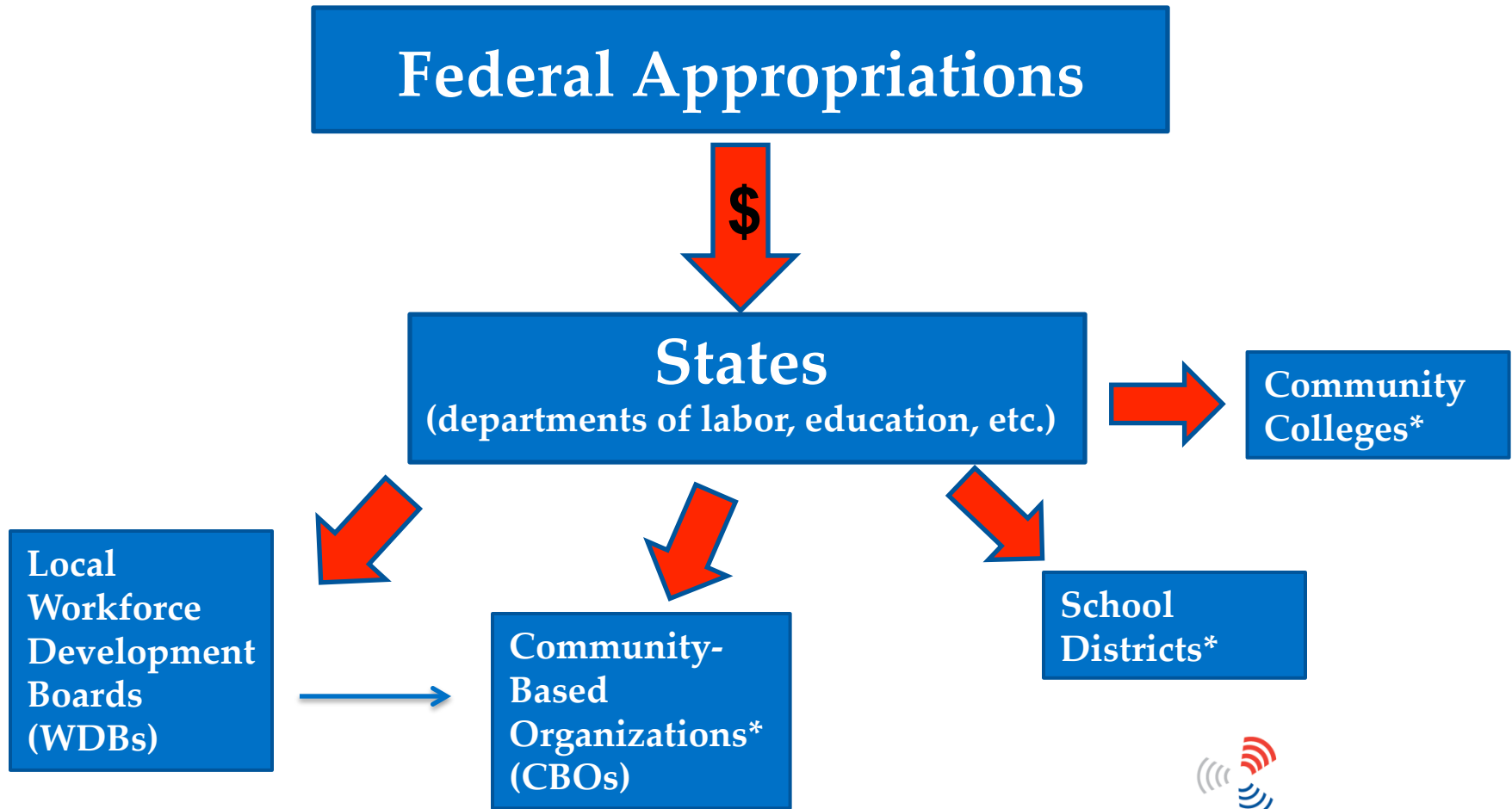
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*WIOA statewide plans are due to the federal government in March 2016.*

- Ensure that WIOA plans fully **document** immigrant demographics and needs
- **Analyze** local demographics in comparison to WIOA participants
- Consider **strategies** for providing WIOA services to eligible immigrants (*e.g. subcontracting*)



# To Pursue WIOA Funding, Learn How it Flows



# Learn More

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- National Skills Coalition WIOA implementation resources:  
[www.nationalskillscoalition.org/state-policy/workforce-innovation-opportunity-act-implementation](http://www.nationalskillscoalition.org/state-policy/workforce-innovation-opportunity-act-implementation)
- WIOA: An Opportunity to Better Serve Immigrant Professionals? (webinar recording and slides):  
[www.nationalskillscoalition.org/resources/webinars/wioa-an-opportunity-to-better-serve-immigrant-professionals](http://www.nationalskillscoalition.org/resources/webinars/wioa-an-opportunity-to-better-serve-immigrant-professionals)



# About National Skills Coalition: Our Vision

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We seek an America that grows its economy by investing in its people, so that every worker and every industry has the skills to compete and prosper.





# Our Mission

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- We **organize** broad-based coalitions seeking to raise the skills of America's workers across a range of industries.
- We **advocate** for public policies that invest in what works, as informed by our members' real-world expertise.
- And we **communicate** these goals to an American public seeking a vision for a strong U.S. economy that allows everyone to be part of its success.



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