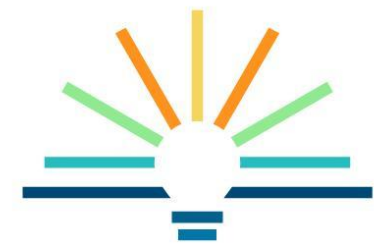# Illinois Career Pathways Dictionary Relaunch

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Today's Objectives

- Highlight the Career Pathways Dictionary and how it can be used by policymakers and practitioners.

- Explore the new website.

- Provide background information about how the Dictionary was developed and updated

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Website Demo

Illinois Career Pathways Dictionary Relaunch

A first-of-its-kind resource for policymakers and practitioners, providing Illinois' definition for a career pathway and terms essential to pathway programs and system elements.

- First released in 2018 as a PDF

- Now relaunched as a stand-alone website at **pathwaysdictionary.org**

  - Includes new and updated definitions
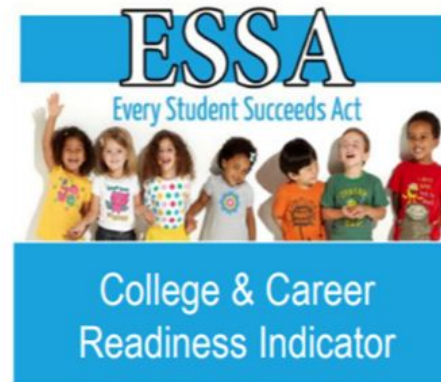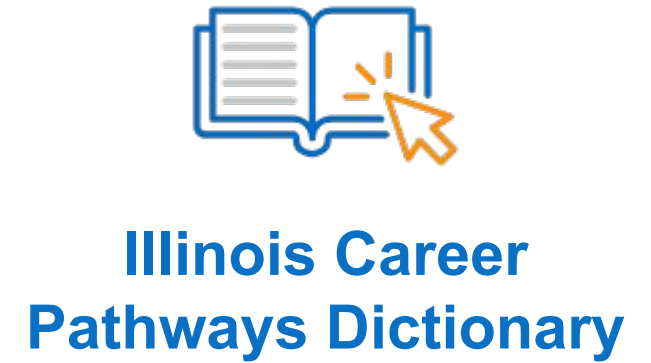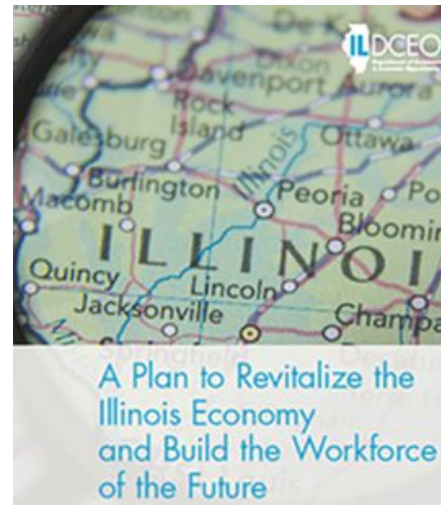
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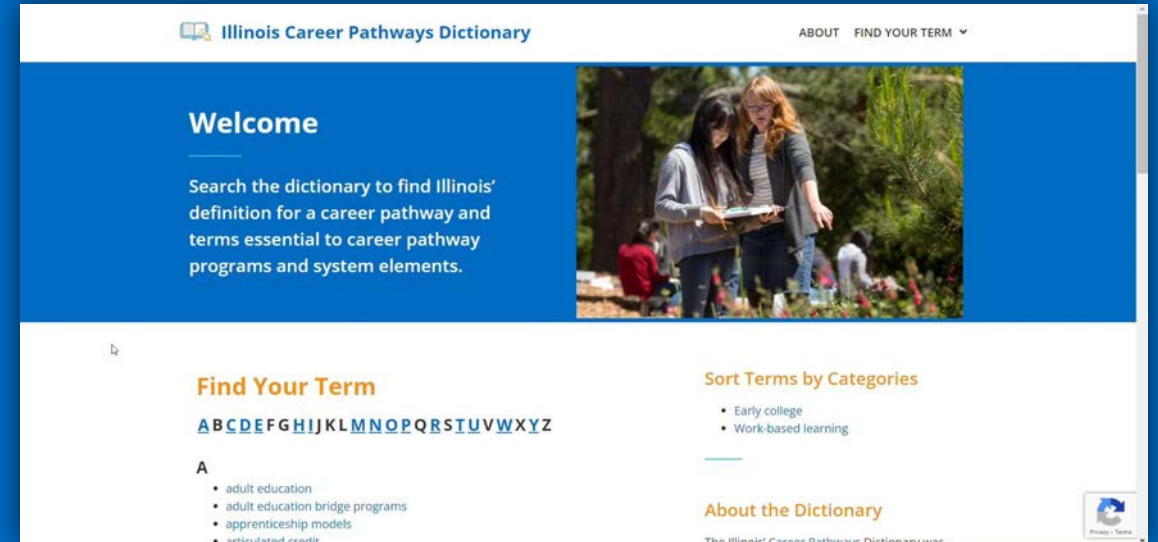
Where did this come from?

Origins of the Career Pathways Dictionary
and why relaunch 2.0

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Seeding the Pathways through Policy

POSTSECONDARY AND WORKFORCE READINESS ACT
EXPECTATIONS · PATHWAYS · READINESS · COMPETENCIES

IL DCEO
A Plan to Revitalize the Illinois Economy and Build the Workforce of the Future

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DUAL Credit
Saving Time and Money for Illinois Students!

ESSA
Every Student Succeeds Act
College & Career Readiness Indicator

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION
Career Connected Learning for All Students

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How was the Pathways Dictionary developed?

Unified Career Pathways definition drafted and adopted/ratified

Original Career Pathways Dictionary published

Career Pathways Dictionary relaunched

2017-2018

2018

Sep. 2023

2017-2018

2022-2023

Agency partners and key stakeholders developed set of related terms and definitions

An interagency group re-convened to revisit the dictionary and make updates

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Career Pathway Dictionary 2.0

Process

- Conducted a survey to gain a deeper understanding of the dictionary's relevance and use in the field.
- Convened interagency group (DCEO, IDES, ISAC, ICCB, IBHE, and ISBE) to work through updates and updated design

Updates

- Added new terms
- Updated definitions to reflect current best practices
- Embedded resources throughout
- Included source citation for each definition
- Added category feature
- Added option to sign up to be notified of future updates
- Increased ability to share and edit

Next steps

What we plan to do

- Share extensively throughout Illinois via:

    - agency websites

    - word-of-mouth

    - professional development opportunities and conferences

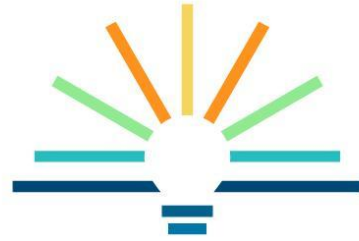- Tie to funding (e.g. NOFOs, RFPs, etc.)

What you can do

- Share it with others as a helpful resource

- Incorporate it into your work! Examples of how include:

    - Developing local PaCE framework or CCPE implementation

    - PD and training for staff

    - Brainstorming and program design

    - Grant writing

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Discussion

How have you used the Dictionary?

How do you see yourself using this new version?

What kind of support might you want or need?

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Thank You!

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