

Building effective college & career pathways to strengthen individual and statewide economic prosperity

Arizona Pathways to Prosperity (APTP), a Center for the Future of Arizona (CFA) impact initiative, creates future opportunity and upward economic mobility for all young Arizonans while supporting state and regional talent needs. APTP and its statewide network of partners design and develop college and career pathways that help young people advance from high school to postsecondary education, and into family-supporting careers.

7 Keys to Pathways



Quality Career Exploration



Early College Programs of Study



Work-Based Learning





Career Exploration

APTP provides career exploration for grades 6-12 and soon for K-5 students. Our scalable and highly adaptable *Possible Futures Career Exploration Curriculum* familiarizes students with the modern labor market and in-demand industries. It encourages them to explore their interests and talents early on to see how they complement potential career opportunities in their future. Plus, the curriculum allows for multiple teaching modalities and ties into the Arizona Education Career Action Plan (ECAP) for all students.

Early College Programs of Study

By bringing Arizona community colleges, K-12 schools and industry together, APTP has identified skills and credentials needed for employment in high-demand sectors – such as advanced manufacturing, healthcare, and cybersecurity – and designed pathways that allow students to earn at least 12 college credits while in high school.

Work-Based Learning

Work-based learning enables students to experience practical, real-world workplace applications and improve their potential for career advancement and upward economic mobility. APTP is increasing access to work-based learning experiences for all students through innovative models for internships, apprenticeships, and educator externships.



Help ensure every Arizona student has the opportunity to create and achieve their ideal college & career pathway. Join our statewide network today!





Creating Pathways Across Arizona For a Brighter Future

Center for the Future of Arizona is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization working to ensure all Arizonans, now and in the future, thrive and enjoy sustained prosperity, unmatched quality of life, and real opportunity.

Our research, Arizona Progress Meters, resources, and expertise in education and workforce create immediate opportunities to introduce, expand, or support college and career pathways development programs.





