

OHIO'S TECHNICAL CENTERS FEATURED IN NATIONAL AREA TECHNICAL CENTER STUDY

SILVER SPRING, MD (FEBRUARY 3, 2021) -- Today, Advance CTE released Building Better Futures for Learners: A 50-State Analysis of Area Technical Centers (ATCs), alongside five state profiles highlighting effective and high-impact models of ATCs. One of the state profiles features Ohio's 52 ATCs, known throughout the state as Ohio technical centers or OTCs. In FY19, Ohio's OTCs, served 5,865 learners, supported by a significant state investment of \$43 million distributed through a performance-based funding model that prioritizes program completion and post-program placement.

"As we look ahead at the challenges and opportunities to achieving a sustainable and equitable economic recovery, it is vital that states fully leverage existing avenues for high quality, accessible education", said Kimberly Green, Executive Director for Advance CTE. "Our work shows that area technical centers are resilient and effective institutions for Career Technical Education, and giving these institutions a larger role in postsecondary degree and credential attainment is a win-win for everyone."

By removing barriers to postsecondary education access and attainment through statewide articulation agreements, Ohio's OTCs are key players in the state's education and workforce development efforts, contributing to the state's postsecondary attainment goals by helping learners attain the skills necessary to earn credentials of value in high-wage, in-demand occupations. OTCs are critical to the state's workforce development and upskilling efforts, serving as [Centers of Training Excellence](#).

The full state profile and additional resources can be found at www.AreaTechnicalCenters.org.