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Each September, we take time to recognize our nation's workforce development system and programs that strive to build an equitable and inclusive workforce where more people have access to a better life and small businesses see sustained growth. This workforce development month, we at National Skills Coalition want to remind you that:

- **The American public wants more access to skills training and education opportunities for workers.**

[NSC's Public Perspectives Series](#)

- **An increase in federal investments is necessary to modernize the workforce development system.**

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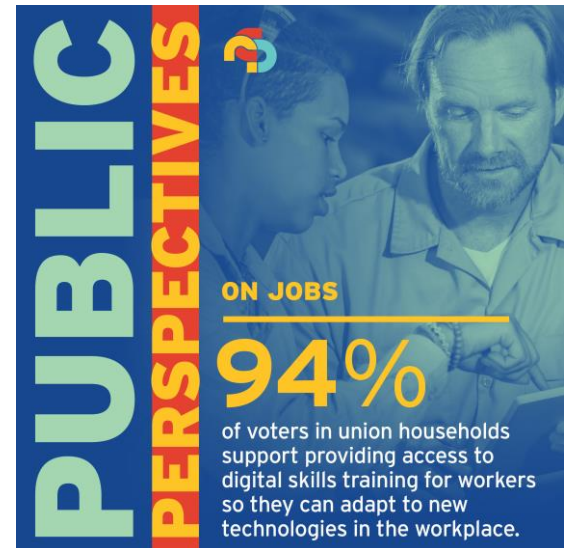
- **There's a once-in-a-generation opportunity to increase the number and diversity of workers in the infrastructure and clean energy workforce.**

[Research from NSC and BlueGreen Alliance](#)

America's workers are top of mind

New this week are public opinions from union households as we center workers and the challenges they face in today's jobs: limited access to skills training, jobs being shipped overseas, and automation to name a few.

[Union Household Public Opinions](#)



The impact of AI? It's up to workforce development advocates

Most experts predict that artificial intelligence (AI) will create new jobs, augment existing ones, and eliminate others. But how and to what extent depends on decisions that leaders make now. At the 2024 Skills Summit, NSC started to explore what policymakers can do now to address these concerns and ensure that working people and the businesses that employ them can thrive in the age of AI.

NSC's **Brooke DeRenzis** and AI expert **Chike Aguh** (Senior Advisor, The Project on Workforce at Harvard University) continue the conversation on the [Skills Blog](#). With the right set of public policies, workforce policies included, our nation can ensure humans and AI are playing fair together and creating outsized impact for working people and businesses.

Upcoming: Federal Policy Network Call

Join the full network and the NSC Government Affairs team on **Thursday, September 19, for a quarterly network call and update on recent movement of workforce development policies** in Congress and from the Biden administration. Attendees will have the chance to speak and ask questions during the call.

[Register to attend](#)

Key Workforce Development Issues on the Skills Blog

- [Policy Action Lab: Expanding Holistic Supports for Students on Quality Non-Degree Pathways](#)
- [The Case for Investing in Holistic Support Services and Skills Training](#)
- [New Digital Equity Competitive Grant funding available for digital skills](#)

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