

# Jobs for the Future (Pathways to Prosperity Network)

*Drive the creation of quality jobs, Ensure people are prepared for quality jobs, Ensure people can obtain quality jobs, Mobilize the nation to our vision and catalyze action*

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| Founded | Located    | Sector                | Funding Source                                            | Membership                                                             |
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| 1983    | Boston, MA | Workforce & Education | Grants and Contributions, Program Service Fees, Contracts | 32 states and 150 communities in Pathways to Prosperity Network (PtoP) |

## Overview

- Jobs for the Future (JFF) transforms U.S. education and workforce systems to drive economic success for people, businesses, and communities. We do this by designing solutions, scaling best practices, influencing policy and action, and investing in innovation. We forge deep partnerships with employers, investors, entrepreneurs, policymakers, and education and workforce development providers to break down barriers and reimagine what’s possible.
- Aims to bring quality jobs to 75 million Americans facing barriers to economic advancement by 2033.
- Provides the field with the tools, resources, and partnerships to help individuals, organizations, and communities tackle challenges, share knowledge, and scale impactful solutions. JFF will accelerate the work of smaller, mission-aligned nonprofits and startups through funding, capacity- building, and leveraging our systems and expertise.
- Pathways to Prosperity (PtoP) includes the PtoP Network (launched in 2012) and the PtoP Coalition (launched in 2023). The PtoP Network operates on a fee-for-service model, which provides two kinds of support: inclusion in a national network of pathways leaders that leverages JFF’s platform to advance Network leaders’ priorities at a national level and provides opportunities for peer learning; and customized TA that supports the development of place-based pathways systems in members’ specific contexts. Members of the Coalition have no-cost access to a monthly webinar series, receive a monthly newsletter, and are invited to attend twice-annual, in-person PtoP Institutes, for which they pay a registration fee.

## Impact of the Network

- National geographic scope.
- PtoP works with cross-sector teams of systems leaders representing K12, postsecondary, workforce and economic development, intermediary organizations, business and industry, state and local government, and community-based organizations at both the state and regional levels.
- Catalyzed a national movement to re-imagine education-to-career systems, helping states and regions integrate K-12, postsecondary, and workforce systems. PtoP has supported state and regional leaders in scaling grades 9–14 career pathways that combine academics, technical education, and work-based learning. It has built strong partnerships among education, business, and government, creating governance structures and intermediary organizations that sustain pathways work.
- PtoP is a place-based strategy and initiative that operates at both the state and regional levels to support systems leaders in designing and implementing equitable education-to-career pathways systems that connect young people to quality jobs. The PtoP framework includes five implementation levers: secondary-postsecondary integration, career navigation, work-based learning, intermediary development, and effective leadership and enabling policies.
- Currently challenged by engaging new partners, engaging long-time partners in new ways, and generating enough revenue.
- The PtoP Coalition functions as an umbrella that includes the PtoP Network and other funded projects in JFF’s pathways portfolio focused on work aligned to the PtoP framework.

