Job-Driven Education Investments
Connecticut Isn’t Putting Its Money Where Its Jobs Are

Connecticut has a middle-skill gap.
Connecticut has a skill gap in the middle: jobs that require education beyond a high school diploma but not a four-year degree. This skill gap keeps employers from hiring and our economy from growing.

Three out of five Connecticut jobs requiring postsecondary education and training are middle-skill. But only one out of five post-secondary dollars spent in Connecticut goes toward middle-skill education and training.

State education and training investments are the least job-driven.
Despite the labor market demand for middle-skill workers, Connecticut invests nearly six times as much in high-skill as it does in middle-skill education and training. Federal investments are more balanced, but still favor high-skill education and training.

Connecticut policymakers: Target our dollars to make our workforce job-ready!
Connecticut can take action and make its education and training spending more job-driven, close the middle-skill gap, put more residents back to work, and help local businesses grow.

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