

*Colorado Department of Higher Education*

# Higher Ed. in Colorado

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# Governor's Bold Goals

1. Save Coloradans money on healthcare
2. Ensure all Coloradans have access to opportunities for quality, life-long education connected to the future of work
3. Foster an economy that benefits everyone and implement a cohesive economic development plan for rural Colorado.
4. Set Colorado on a path to 100% renewable energy for the grid by 2040 and position Colorado as a leader in the clean energy economy.

# Department Goals

1. Increase Credential Completion
2. Erase Equity Gaps
3. Improve Student Success
4. Invest in Affordability and Innovation

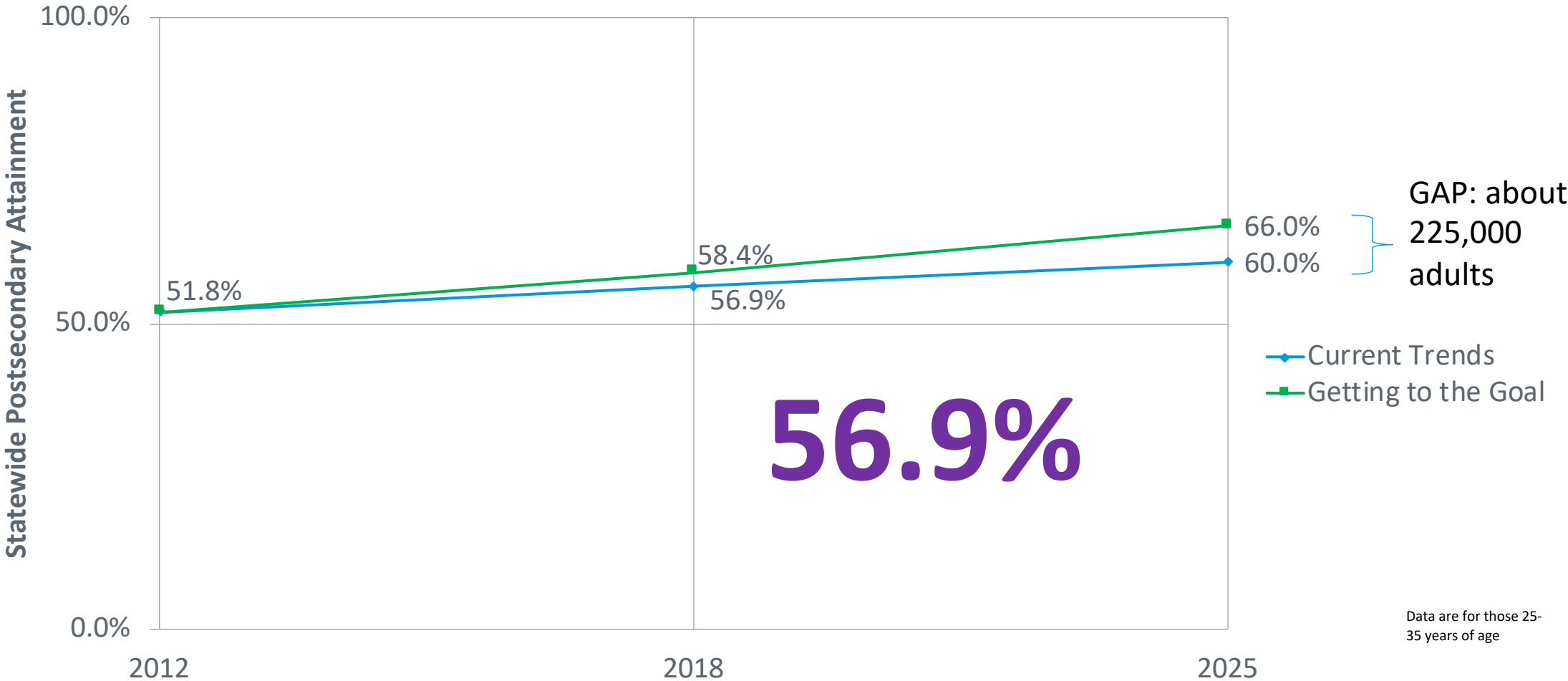
56.9%

Colorado Postsecondary Educational Attainment

48%

65+ Postsecondary Educational Attainment

# Statewide Attainment- Baseline, Progress, and Goals



# Strategies

- Meet the needs of today's students
- Increase concurrent enrollment
- Increase access to human services
- Open educational resources
- Increase work-based learning
- Foster relationships with industry
- Stackable credentials

# CO HELPS 101

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# Grant Award

July 15<sup>th</sup> 2019- July  
14<sup>th</sup> 2023

5,000 Adult  
Apprentices

\$12 million from  
USDOL

\$7 million in-kind  
from Industry

\$19  
million

# Partners

- National Healthcareer Association
- Kaiser Permanente
- Centura Health
- HealthOne/HCA
- UCHealth
- Colorado Rural Health Center
  
- CCCS
- CDLE
- CWDC

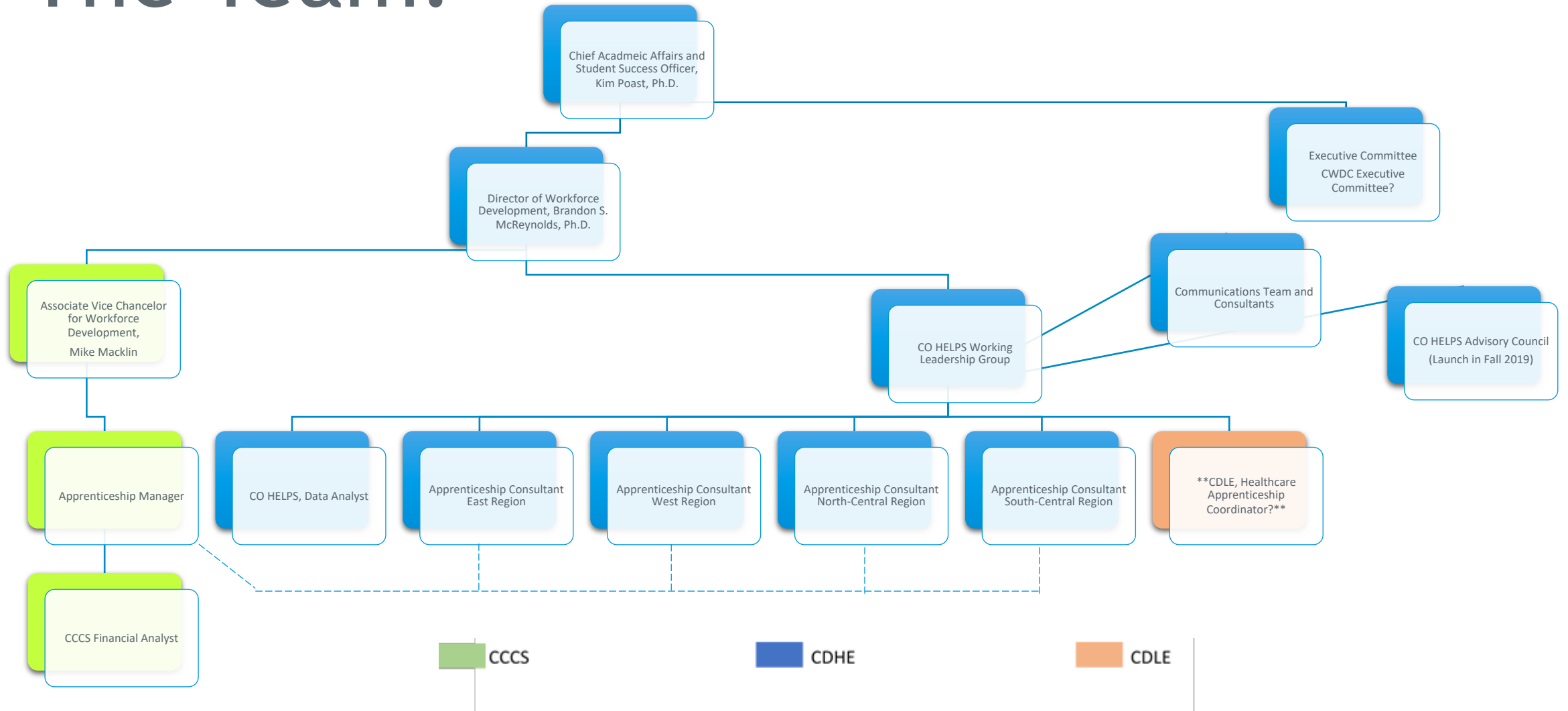


# Keys to Grant

- Apprentices must be adults
- Focus on veterans, people of color, and those from underrepresented populations
- Curriculum Development
- Transfer agreements
- Pathways in high growth careers
- Scalability



# The Team:



# Next Steps

- Hiring of Team/Staff
- Business Engagement Survey
- Business Convening (we have a budget to hold one each year)
- Marketing and Outreach Plan

# Thank You!

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