

# COALFIELD DEVELOPMENT

Appalachian **COURAGE, CREATIVITY, COMMUNITY**

*Transforming an Economic Crisis Into Transformational Opportunity*

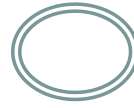
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# Coalfield Training Model



**33**

Hours per week:  
On-the-Job  
Training



**6**

Hours per week:  
In the Classroom  
pursuing an  
Associate's  
Degree



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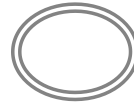
**3**

Hours per week:  
Personal  
Development





# THE NEED



West Virginia now has:

- The nation's lowest labor participation rate
- The nation's second lowest higher education rate
- High need for economic diversification
- Sensitive natural areas



# Policy Recommendations

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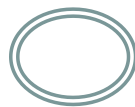
***Create a national just transition task force, including grassroots community leaders and for-profit innovators.***

***Create a national program to support coal communities in transition, building off the POWER program.***

***Pass federal legislation that improves the conditions of former coal workers and distressed Appalachian communities, including the RECLAIM Act and increased support for the Appalachian Regional Commission.***



# Gumption. Grit. Grace.







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