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

3 Hours per week: Personal Development
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

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.
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