



## GOAL 2

# Building Appalachia's Workforce Ecosystem

**Expand and strengthen community systems (education, healthcare, housing, childcare, and others) that help Appalachians obtain a job, stay on the job, and advance along a financially sustaining career pathway.**

**Objective 2.1:** Develop and support educational programs and institutions from early childhood through post-secondary that provide the building blocks for skills development and long-term employment success.

**Objective 2.2:** Invest in workforce development programs and strategies informed by industry talent needs and designed to allow workers to simultaneously earn, learn, and advance along a career pathway.

**Objective 2.3:** Develop a network of employment supports to help Appalachians enter and remain in the workforce.

**Objective 2.4:** Expand access to high quality healthcare as well as programs and services that support overall mental and physical health, for workers and their families.