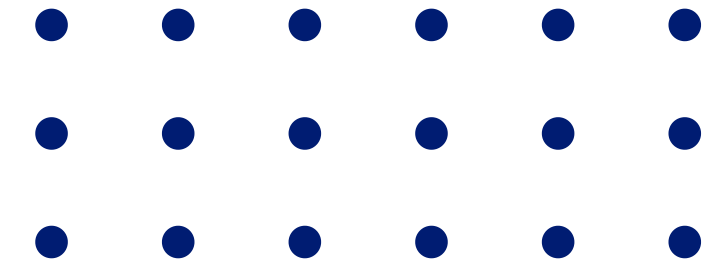




# Forming a Regional Network There's a Place

## For ALL Texas Students!





# FACT Education

FACT Education (Foundation for Advancement of Career & Technical Education) is an organization dedicated to advancing career and technical education pathways across North Central Texas. Focused on creating seamless transitions from education to the workforce, FACT Education works collaboratively with schools, industry partners, and community organizations to ensure that students have access to high-quality career training and credentials. Through its leadership in the North Central Texas Regional Pathways initiative, FACT Education helps to bridge the gap between education and employment, providing students with the skills and opportunities needed to thrive in today's dynamic workforce.



# **Texas Regional Pathways Network: Building Economic Prosperity**

The TRPN supports Governor Abbott's Tri-Agency Workforce Initiative, linking education and industry to increase economic prosperity in Texas.



# Overview – Texas Regional Pathways Network

Texas faces a significant challenge in helping students achieve college and career readiness, earn postsecondary degrees and credentials, and enter careers aligned with current and future workforce needs. Regional efforts that engage cross-sector stakeholders in developing high-quality career and education pathways are a critically important strategy for addressing this challenge. These pathways provide opportunities for students to acquire dual credit, earn industry-based certifications, post-secondary credentials, complete work-based learning opportunities aligned to targeted industries, and receive effective advising support to successfully navigate pathways. The purpose of this grant is to assist workforce development regions with providing high quality career and education pathways that are aligned to the targeted industry identified in this grant project. Regions in the Texas Regional Pathways Network commit to developing pathways that include the seven key components of high-quality career and education pathways.

# 7 Key Components of a Texas Regional Pathways Network

Cross-sector partnerships;

Alignment with high wage, in-demand labor market information (greater than \$35,339 annual salary and greater than 17% annual growth for the state);

Links between secondary and postsecondary education with multiple entry and exit points;

Credentials and degrees with value in the labor market;

Integration of rigorous academics and career-focused learning;

Strong college and career advising and counseling supports; and

Continuum of work-based learning experiences

# Our Role

## Tri-Agency Grant for Regional Conveners



**Regional  
Alignment**



**Work-Based  
Learning**



**Regional Data**



**Regional  
Communications**



**North Central Texas Pathways**

# TRPN Partners

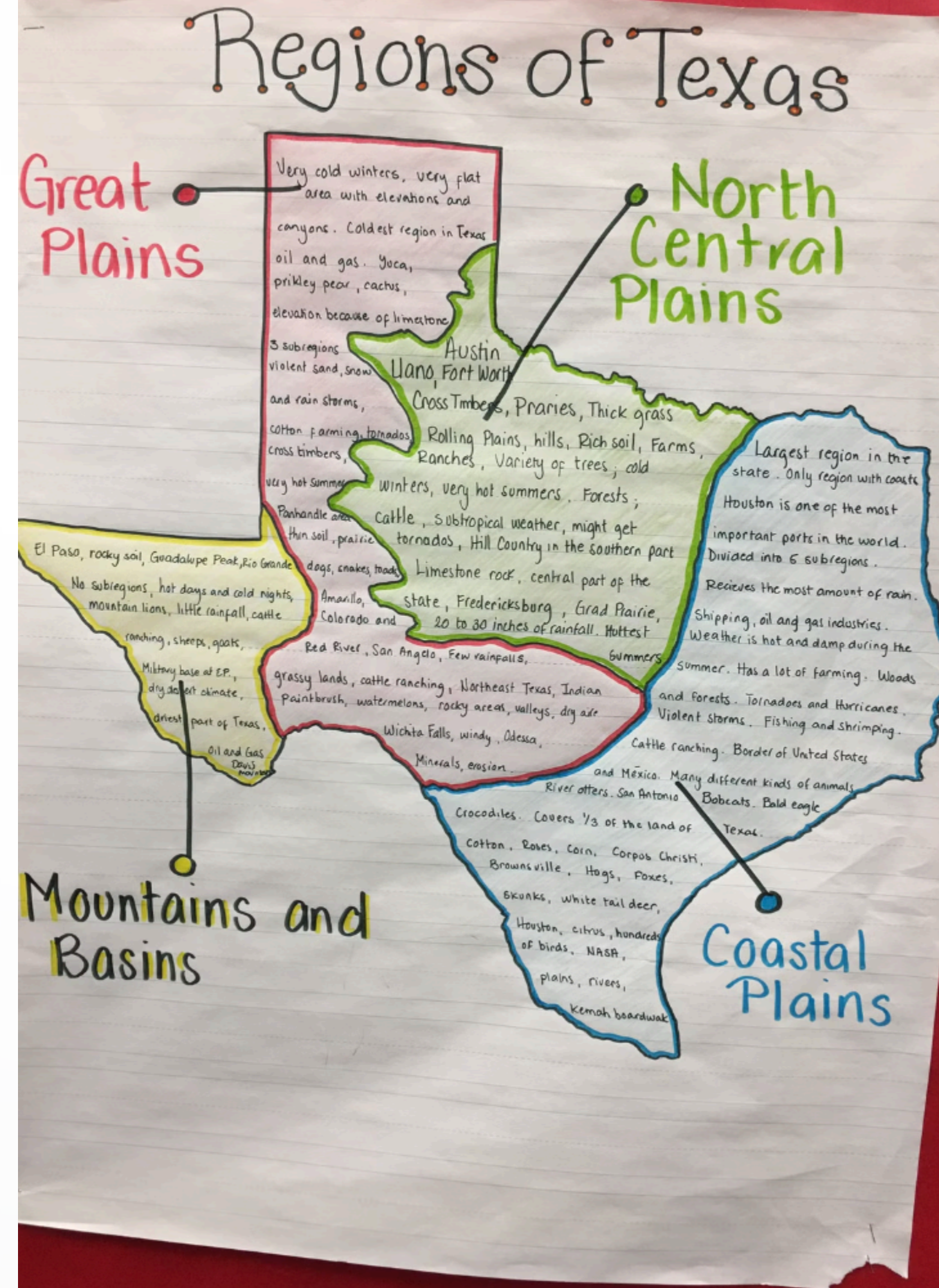


**Technical Assistance**  
Jobs for the Future (JFF)

**Tri-Agency**  
Texas Education Agency

**Tri-Agency**  
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

**Tri-Agency**  
Texas Workforce Commission



# How can districts form a network or join an existing network?

Enhance student opportunities through regional pathway networks. This presentation outlines key steps for creating or joining effective educational partnerships.





# Identifying Key Stakeholders



## Education

Local education agencies and higher education institutions



## Government

Local and state government representatives



## Industry

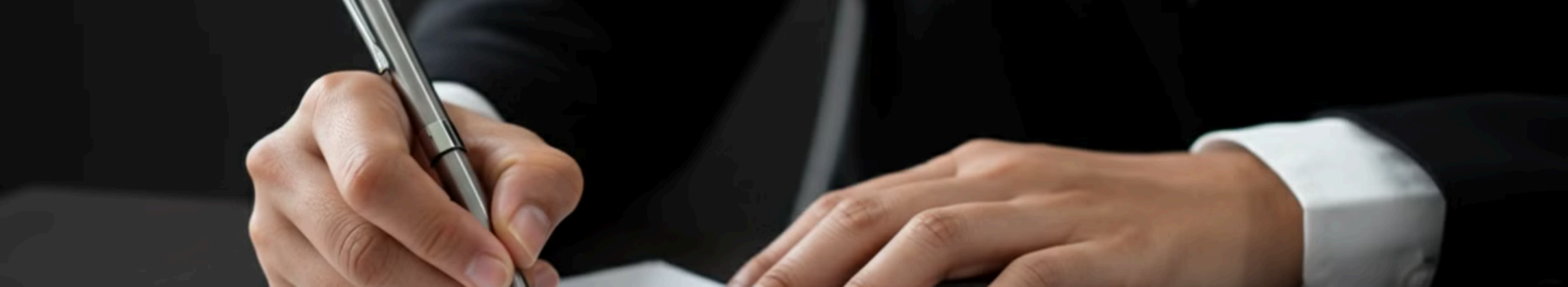
Local employers and business leaders



## Community

Non-profit organizations and community groups





# Develop a Partnership Agreement

## Roles and Responsibilities

Clearly define the roles of each stakeholder in the network.

## Advanced Academics & Dual Credit

Detail plans for offering rigorous academic programs and courses.

## Work-Based Learning

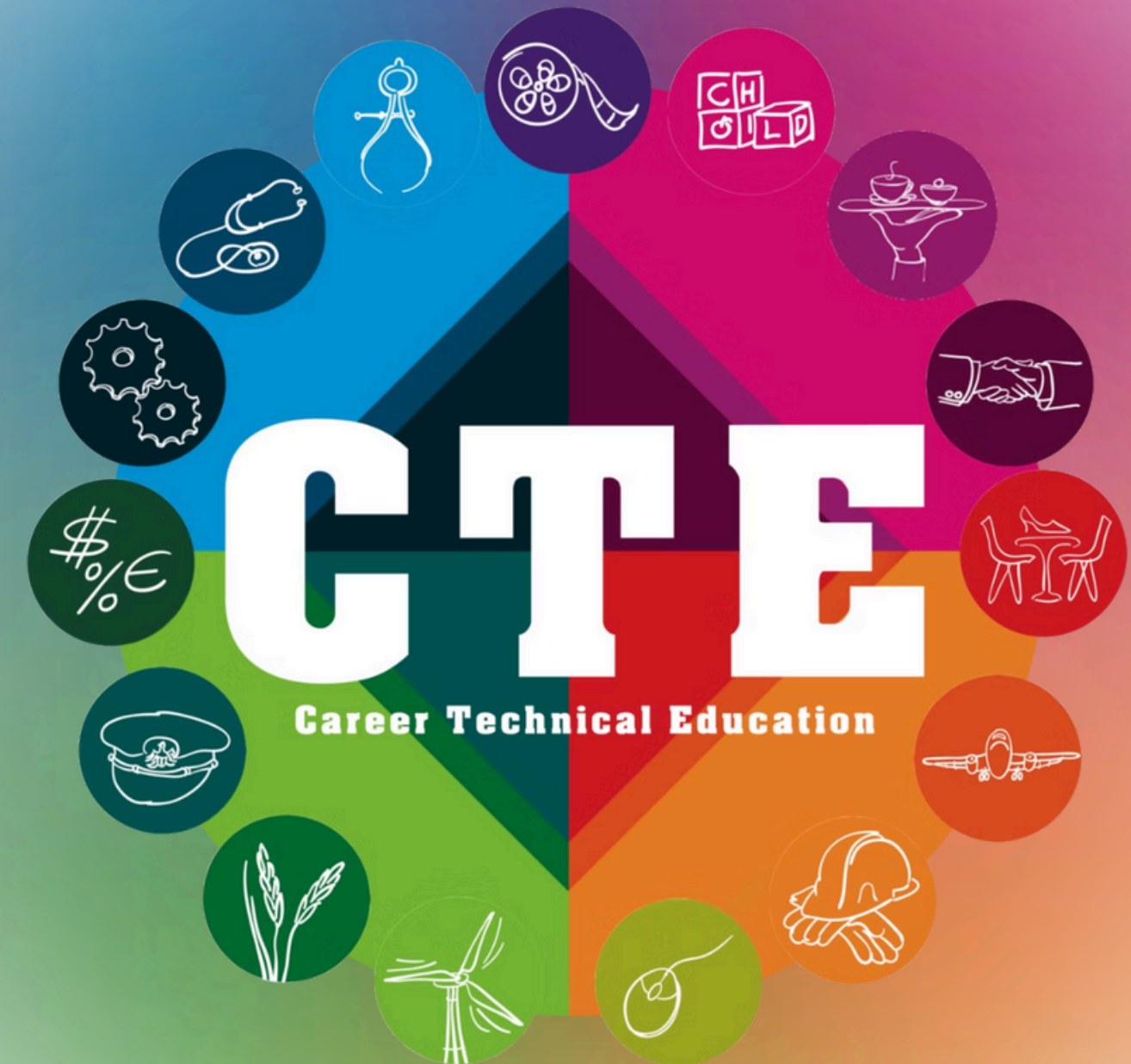
Outline commitments for providing internships and job shadowing opportunities.

## Advising Support

Specify resources for career and academic counseling services.

# Aligning Programs of Study

- 1 Labor Market Analysis**  
Research high-wage, in-demand careers in your region.
- 2 Curriculum Development**  
Design programs aligned with identified career opportunities.
- 3 Advanced Course Offerings**  
Implement dual credit, AP, and IB courses.
- 4 Continuous Evaluation**  
Regularly assess and update programs to maintain relevance.



# Collaborating with Higher Education

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## Industry Certifications

Offer entry-level certifications for immediate workforce entry.

2

## Associate Degrees

Create pathways to two-year degrees in high-demand fields.

3

## Bachelor's Degrees

Establish articulation agreements for seamless transfer to four-year programs.

4

## Advanced Degrees

Provide information on graduate education opportunities.



# Supporting School Counselors

## Professional Development

Offer regular training sessions on career pathways and labor market trends. Provide resources for staying updated on industry changes.

## Effective Advising Framework

Implement a comprehensive system for individual student planning. Align counseling practices with the latest research-based approaches.



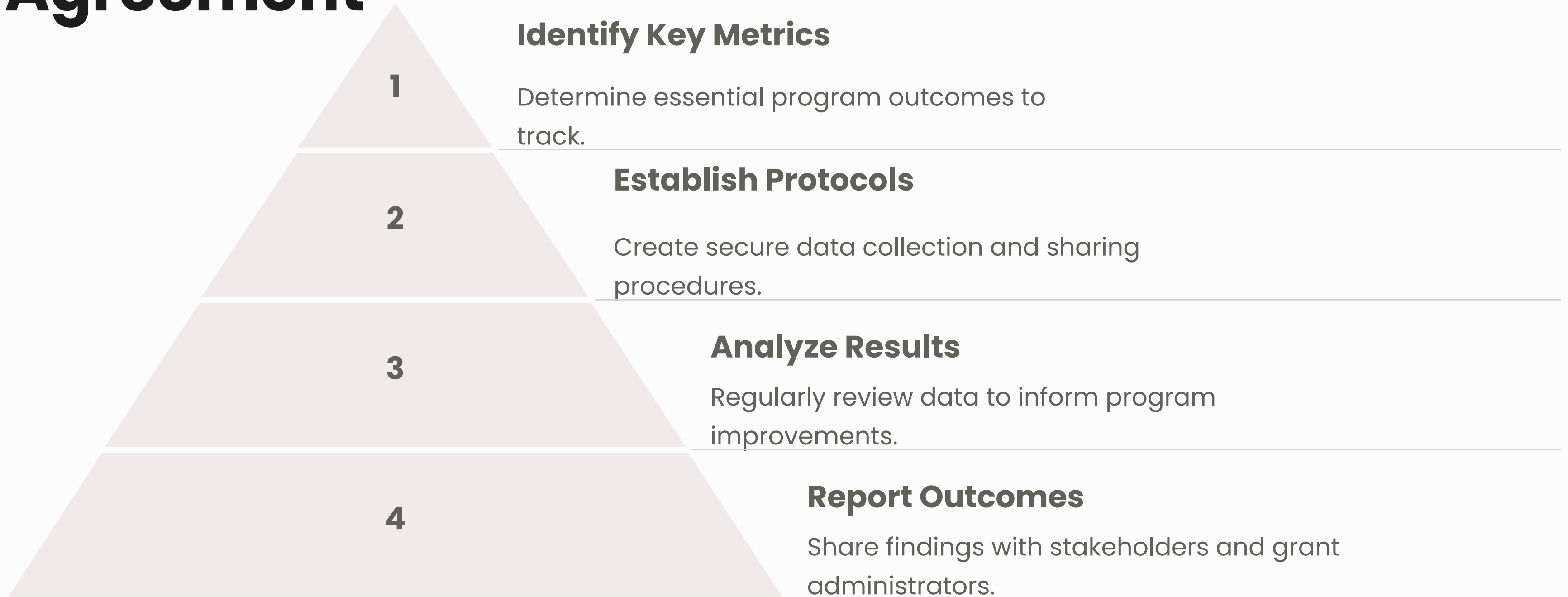
## Understanding the Effective Advising Framework

The Effective Advising Framework defines five key levers that, together, form the foundation of effective advising programs. For each lever, the framework outlines commitments that must be made at the district and campus levels to enable programmatic success, and essential actions that must be taken to propel that success. The five key levers include Strong Program Leadership and Planning; Effective, Well-Supported School Counselors and Advisors; Internal School Culture of Advising; Effective External Partnerships; and High-Quality Advising Materials and Assessments.

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# Developing a Data Sharing Agreement



# Next Steps: Joining an Existing Network

## ■ Research Regional Networks

Identify existing pathway networks in your area, such as North Central Texas!

## ■ Assess Alignment

Evaluate how your district's goals align with network objectives.

## ■ Contact Regional Conveners

Reach out to network leaders for information on joining.

## ■ Initiate Membership Process

Begin the formal process of joining the chosen network.





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**In one or two words, what do you feel are the biggest challenges in providing work-based learning opportunities for students?**



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