



U.S. Department of Education
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FACT SHEET SERIES

Adult Basic Education to Postsecondary Education Transitions

Background

The purpose of this new initiative is to expand both the breadth and depth of States' use of data-based policies that will enable local adult education programs to assist low-skilled adults in meeting their 21st century educational and employment goals. It is commonly recognized that some form of postsecondary education and training is critical for workers to succeed in the global economy. Yet, low-skilled adults face many challenges and barriers to participation in postsecondary education and training. This effort will provide targeted assistance (including training and coaching) to State adult education policymakers, including State directors of education. This three-year initiative builds upon and extends the following previous OVAE investments:

- *ABE to Community College Transitions Project*
- *Ready for College: Adult Education Transitions Program*
- *ABE Career Connections*

Overview

DTI Associates, Inc. through a contract with OVAE is developing state policy tools and dissemination strategies to assist both participating and non-participating states in developing, implementing and monitoring state policies to assist low-skilled adults in transitioning from adult education to postsecondary education, training, and/or employment. Eight states will be selected to receive intensive technical assistance. The project period runs from July 2009 to July 2012.

Project Milestones

- Cohort of states selected, Fall 2009
- Two National Meetings conducted, 2010 - 2011
- Two Webinars, 2010-2011
- Ongoing coaching for State policy development, implementation and evaluation, 2010 - 2011

Outcomes and Products

- Three issue specific policy briefs on key educational policy topics that support transitioning adult basic education learners to postsecondary, training, and/or employment.
- Dissemination plan for key state policy making resources
- State Policy tools

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