



**U.S. Department of Education
Office of Vocational and Adult Education
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FACT SHEET SERIES

Ready For College: Adult Transitions Program

Background

A high school diploma or equivalency diploma is no longer adequate for 21st century workforce demands. Some form of postsecondary education and training is critical to succeed in the new global economy. This program supports State and local efforts to increase the rate at which young adults successfully transition to postsecondary education.

Overview

The Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) awarded four grants to implement projects focused on improving the quality of ASE so that out-of-school youth could successfully transition to postsecondary education. The four grantees include: the Colorado Community College System Foundation; Essex Community College, New Jersey; North Carolina Community College System; and Kansas Board of Regents.

During the 24 month project period, grantees will identify and document educational practices of State and local agencies. These projects will enhance curricula; provide professional development for instructional staff; and, identify effective student support strategies. Those educational strategies demonstrated to be effective by the projects will be packaged for national dissemination. The project period runs from October 2007 to September 2009.

Project Milestones

- Held first Project Directors Meeting, October 2007
- Received preliminary performance data, July 2008
- Held Second Project Directors Meeting, August 2008
- Receive updated performance data, September 2009
- Disseminate final products and lessons learned, September 2010

Outcomes and Products

- The percentage of participating out-of-school youth, aged 18-24, who transition to postsecondary education increases.
- Replicable models that can be disseminated for use in other programs.
- Final reports summarizing and documenting effective strategies in transitioning students to post secondary education.

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