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. The Ready for College Adult Transition 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 adult secondary education, 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 is from October 2007 to September 2009.

Project Milestones
- Preliminary performance data.
- Updated performance data; draft reports.
- Final reports.

Outcomes and Products
Final program reports summarizing and documenting effective strategies in transitioning out-of-school youth, aged 18–24, to postsecondary education.

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