Implementation Phase Kick-Off Webinar

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Welcome! We will be starting momentarily.

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Welcome!

Today’s Agenda:
• Introductions
• Important grants management information
• Cross-state sharing
• Technical assistance plan
• Policy
• Peer learning meetings
• Professional development
Grant Information

MOU Process and Execution

• An MOU will be provided to each state for review, approval and signature. States must also complete Attachment B of the MOU, which is a three-year budget template.

• States will provide original signature on two copies of the MOU along with their three-year budget to Monique Sheen via email (msheen@jff.org) in .pdf format.

• JFF will review MOU and budget and if there are no issues, JFF will submit an executed MOU to the state, which will trigger the first payment point.
There are six payment points. Two payments per year (2012, 2013 and 2014), and each payment point is attached to deliverables.

Payment Point 1
- $300,000
- January 2012 – upon execution of this MOU and pending financial processing at JFF.

Payment Point 2
- $300,000
- June 2012 – upon receipt of a satisfactory written progress report on the initiative’s overall work plan and successful implementation activities.

Payment Point 3
- $300,000

Payment Point 4
- $300,000
- June 2013 – upon receipt of a satisfactory written progress report on the initiative’s overall work plan and successful implementation activities.

Payment Point 5
- $200,000

Payment Point 6
- $200,000
- June 2014 – upon receipt of a satisfactory written progress report on the initiative’s overall work plan and successful implementation activities. A final end of grant report will be due November 30, 2014 to include financial statements and progress narrative.
A common work plan template is under development and will be provided to each state Lead and Coordinator.

The purpose of the common work plan is to assist states and JFF with tracking and monitoring initiative progress. The work plan will not only list state activities, but will include activities relative to Accelerating Opportunity. For example, it will include conferences, reporting deadlines, etc.
Setting the Stage for Implementation

Implementation Phase Goals:

- Get at least two pathways up and running at each of the selected colleges
- Build toward non-negotiables
- Achieve policy goals
- Build capacity at all colleges to get to scale
- Develop buy-in among key stakeholders, including employers
- Institutionalize the model
Tackling Ambitious Goals

**Community of Practice**

- **Illinois**
  - Implementation Coach
  - Policy Coach
  - Communications Support
  - Conferences/Peer Learning

- **Kentucky**
  - Virtual Academy
  - SBCTC TA
  - Online Professional Development Courses
  - JFF Management & Support

- **North Carolina**

**Accelerating Opportunity**
Building a Community of Practice

• Leverage the expertise among the implementation states
• Collaborate on policy ideas, recruitment strategies, etc.
• Contact each other with questions or to brainstorm strategies
• Coaches can also help set up conversations between states
• Use peer learning meetings to connect with each other
State/College Sharing

For State Teams:
• Describe your vision - what do you hope to accomplish over the next three years?
• Give us an overview of your policy goals
• What will be the biggest challenges?
• What are some areas of expertise you can share with other states?

For Colleges:
• Describe your pathways (including targeted sectors/credentials)
• How will you support students?
• What will be the biggest challenges?
• What are some areas of expertise you can share with other colleges?
Technical Assistance: Coaching

Each state will receive an:

1. Individualized Technical Assistance plan based on state context
2. Implementation coach (quarterly site visits)
3. Policy coach (1-2 site visits)
4. Communications technical assistance (1 site visit)
5. Washington State Board of Community & Technical Colleges technical assistance (2 site visits)
6. NCWE support (1 site visit)
7. NCTN professional development (3 on-line professional development courses)
Policy Coaching

Policy coaches work with states to:

• Accomplish goals set in policy work plans
• Develop systems to improve local policy implementation
• Measure policy impact
• Engage in policy discussions with federal Departments of Labor and Education
• Promote policy peer-learning across the AO network
Additional TA Opportunities

• NCWE will work with all states to facilitate deeper, more strategic engagement of CTE leadership

• Israel Mendoza will work with states on mobilizing ABE strategic leadership
Additional TA Opportunities

• SBCTC will be taking a “consultancy” technical assistance approach:

• Primary focus on moving the state to deeper understanding of integrated pathways - some examples include:
  • Instructional Team: Specific lesson development and delivery strategies
  • Contextualized Curriculum Design: Developing quality integrated learning outcomes specific to programs, courses, and teams.
  • Logistics of Implementation: Ranging from program leadership and direct coordination to student services and navigation.

• TA will be tailored for each state’s needs: Specific and targeted attention to program development and implementation relevant to each state and its colleges.
Professional Development

NCTN will be offering online professional development opportunities for faculty, program administrators, and counselors/navigators.

As an extension of the online courses, NCTN will create and facilitate virtual communities of practice among all online course participants.
Tools & Resources

AO Online Courses
  • http://professionalstudiesae.worlded.org/ao.html

Virtual Academy
  • http://acceleratingopportunity.org/virtualacademy/

Basecamp
  • https://jobsforthefuture.basecamphq.com/projects/8643312-accelerating-opportunity-state-teams/log
Other Online Courses

- Introduction to College Transition Math
- College Readiness for Adults: Beyond Academic Preparation!
- Integrating Career Awareness into the ABE and ESOL Classroom
- Helping Students Stay: Exploring Program and Classroom Persistence Strategies

http://professionalstudiesae.worlded.org/index.html
Peer Learning Meetings/Events

- Kick-off Meeting for Leads and Coordinators – February 28, Langham Hotel, Boston
- Annual Conference on Integrated Education – Seattle
  - Next conference will be May 8 & 9
  - Will include site visits
  - More information coming soon
- Fall Technical Assistance Institute – Long Beach, October 19-23
  - In conjunction with NCWE
  - Similar format to this fall’s meeting
- NCTN Conference – November 7-9, Rhode Island
Evaluation Update

Thank you for your assistance with data collection thus far!

More detailed information on the evaluation coming soon:

• Memo to states
• Evaluation webinar (Friday, February 10, 11:30 Eastern)

Site visits

• We will be in touch soon to schedule evaluation site visits
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Questions?

Thank you for participating in today’s webinar

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