

Initiative Implementation Progress Report Kentucky

Date: ONGOING / ACTIVE Initiatives

Project: GED Express (Accelerated GED)

Consultant or Agency Name: Kentucky Adult Education

Update Provided By (Your Name): Jacqueline E. Korengel, Ed.D.

KYAE staff work group:

Implementation Status: 85% complete
Completion Date

(Anticipated / Actual): July 2015

Rae Smith, Senior Associate

Sharon Johnston, Senior Associate

Missy Brownson, Senior Associate

Tasks completed this month / quarter:

January: (1) KYAE team created an introductory video about GED Express and the tools needed for statewide implementation. (2) Solicited work group members to participate in webinars to explain "peer-developed", GED Express framework, review program materials, and act as mentors to programs implementing the program format. (3) Developed radio spots with the GED Express tagline and adapted existing TV spots to include the GED Express tagline.

February: (1) Introductory video sent 2/5 to all Kentucky adult educators. (2) Invitation to GED Express webinar sent 2/5 to all Kentucky adult educators. (3) Added a program-type button in the Kentucky Adult Education Reporting System (KAERS) to identify and track GED Express students. (4) Webinars hosted 2/10 and 2/11 for Kentucky adult educators. (5) Template for implementation plan sent to each county program director 2/20 to be completed and submitted for KYAE approval by 3/3. (6) Webinar with notes posted on website 2/20. (7) GED Express framework graphic posted on website 2/20. (8) Sample checklists for educators and students posted on website 2/20/2015. (9) Questions and answers from live webinar posted on website 2/23.

Major milestones reached since last report:

Agreed upon, finalized GED Express framework (KYAE and work group).

Agreed upon, roll out plans, including program communication and technical assistance (e.g., webinars, newsletter articles, etc.); work group suggested and vetted program implementation plan; and outreach strategic plan.

<http://kyae.ky.gov/educators/gedhottopics.htm>

Tasks to be completed next month / quarter:

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Programs submitting GED Express implementation plan for review and acknowledgement of commitment.

Public outreach campaign (planned for April).

Programs implementing and refining GED Express model for their local target population.

Expect programs to include this in their repertoire of services FY2015-16 forward.

Coordination / collaboration which I need assistance with:

N/A

Comments:

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Date: January / February

Project: Eligible Training Providers

Consultant or Agency Name: OET

Update Provided By (Your Name): Mike Riley

Implementation Status: (Select)% complete

Completion Date (Anticipated / Actual): (Month) (Year)

Tasks completed this month / quarter:

During the last month, staff has worked closely with LWIA staff to remove providers from statewide listing that did not comply with mandatory data collection. Additionally, staff has been working on interpreting new impacts of WIOA language on the delivery of ETPL services. Staff has also worked with 5+ other states that are very interested in KY's model of implementation for the ETPL. Also continue to work with OTS staff on development of ETPL website.

Major milestones reached since last report:

Disseminated information to LWIA staff regarding approved providers; began process of reviewing WIOA requirements.

Tasks to be completed next month / quarter:

Continue to work on WIOA implementation; continue to work with OTS staff on ETPL page development. Try and release better guidance for locals and providers as soon as we get something from DOL.

Coordination / collaboration which I need assistance with:

Moving the ETPL webpage development forward as quickly as possible.

Comments:

N/A

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Date: January / February

Project: Career Center Certification

Consultant or Agency Name: Office of Employment and Training

Update Provided By (Your Name): Tommy Wheatley

Implementation Status: 80% complete

Completion Date (Anticipated / Actual): June 2016

Tasks completed this month / quarter:

Statewide training for the certification review teams was conducted January 14, 2015. One additional training session for review teams is scheduled for March 25, 2015. The Campbellsville Career Center (Cumberlands) was granted Full Service Center certification by its LWIB Executive Committee on February 26. The Elizabethtown Career Center (Lincoln Trail) was reviewed in February and a recommendation for Full Service Center certification has been submitted to their LWIB for approval.

Major milestones reached since last report:

- Statewide training for Review Teams on the revised application and review process was conducted January 14, 2015.
- The first Full Service Center certification was granted, to the Campbellsville Career Center in the Cumberlands workforce area.

Tasks to be completed next month / quarter:

Conduct a second training for review teams on March 25, 2015. This session will be recorded for future training needs. The LWIB for the Lincoln Trail workforce area will vote on Full Service Center certification approval of the Elizabethtown Career Center. The other eight workforce areas will be concentrating on the application and review of their selected Full Service Centers. (WIOA requires each workforce area to have one Full Service Center certified by June 30, 2015.)

Coordination / collaboration which I need assistance with:

Continue to work with LWIA Directors and OET, OVR, and OFB leadership to identify additional review team members. Core team is fine tuning the training for March 25th.

Comments:

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Date: 1st Quarter 2015

Project: Career Center Customer Flow

Consultant or Agency Name: Maher and Maher

Update Provided By (Your Name): Cora McNabb

Implementation Status: 75% complete

Completion Date (Anticipated / Actual): (Month) (Year)

Tasks completed this month / quarter:

1/22/2015 Maher and Maher submitted the employer and jobseeker customer surveys. Discussed the results of the survey summaries with Beth Brinly and Beth Kuhn. Overall the results of the surveys were very positive. There was a direct correlation between the report, the site visits and even some of the content or discussion of the workgroup. One theme noted by Maher and Maher was the need to develop a more diversified and accessible jobseeker service menu. Upon submission of the final project report at the end of February we will schedule a conference call to discuss the results.

Major milestones reached since last report:

Completion of the employer and jobseeker customer survey summary report.

Tasks to be completed next month / quarter:

The Maher and Maher contract ends February 28, 2015. Final project report is due the end of February. The report will draw conclusions and make solid recommendations based on a synthesis of all project activities inclusive of the site visits, work team meeting, relationships of other projects (i.e. Workforce Academy, Certification) and the survey summaries. Upon receipt of the report a thorough review of the project activities will occur with workforce staff. A plan of action or next steps will be developed.

Coordination / collaboration which I need assistance with:

The project director will continue to work with Maher and Maher upon receipt of the final report submission and continued coordination of this project with workforce staff and partners.

Comments:

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Date: January / February

Project: Partners for Success

Consultant or Agency Name: Allison Flanagan

Update Provided By (Your Name): Allison Flanagan

Implementation Status: 75% complete

Completion Date (Anticipated / Actual): (Month) (Year)

Tasks completed this month / quarter:

No meetings have occurred for Partner for Success in January/February of 2015

Major milestones reached since last report:

No movement with Partner for Success at this time.

Tasks to be completed next month / quarter:

Meeting will be scheduled with the PfS team.

Coordination / collaboration which I need assistance with:

None

Comments:

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Date: January / February

Project: (Select)

Consultant or Agency Name: Work Ready Communities

Update Provided By (Your Name): Robert L. Curry

Implementation Status: 100% complete

Completion Date (Anticipated / Actual): (Month) (Year)

Tasks completed this month / quarter:

2 County presentations made (Clay and Lewis). Review panel meeting in January.

Major milestones reached since last report:

Will be making recommendation for 1 county to move from WRIP to WRC(Fleming) and 2 counties being certified as WRIP (Ballard, Marshall) at the March 2nd KWIB meeting

Tasks to be completed next month / quarter:

Review panel meeting in April and Best Practice Summit to be held in April

Coordination / collaboration which I need assistance with:

Best Practice Summit

Comments: