



ABE to Credentials Initiative

Presentation to KWSB

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Why It Matters

- By 2018, 64% of the jobs in Kansas will require postsecondary education.
- Over next 10 years, Kansas will experience an increase of 99K jobs requiring postsecondary education credential.



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- Nearly 400K Kansas adults have no high school diploma or equivalent.
- High school diploma - largely limited to occupational clusters in decline or paying low wages.



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- Extension of the collaborative efforts of LWIB/ABE/College partners
- Success is dependent on continued collaboration (support services, training \$'s, coaching, etc.)
- Leverages other initiatives – Career Pathways, PACES, KHPOP, TAA (pending)



Grant Initiative:

- Jobs for the Future (JFF)
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation - Funder
- Grantees – 11 states
Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas,
Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New
Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon,
Wisconsin



Framework:

- **Institutional transformation** and state/college **policy analysis**
- **Program design** and instructional strategies
- Comprehensive **support services**
- Strategies to link program development with current/projected **labor market demands**



Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training

Studies of I-BEST indicate that accelerated, integrated instructional models have positive results for lower-skilled learners

- Compared to ABE students in other programs, I-BEST students **3 times** more likely to earn college credit
- **Nine times** more likely to earn an award/credential



Implementation Grant (\$1.6M):

- November 15, 2001 submission
- Eight participating colleges – 450 student completers per college
- Four to six states selected



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- LWIB representation in design phase – College/LWIB team (support services, coaching), Finance team (financial plan)
- Business/Industry input
- Raising awareness
- Eventual help with policy challenges



Your participation in the ABE to Credentials Initiative is an intervention for better jobs in today's economy. You can help build a better future for thousand of families in our state through these programs.



QUESTIONS?