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# The Central Role of Community Colleges in Career Pathways Systems

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# Thank you to our partners

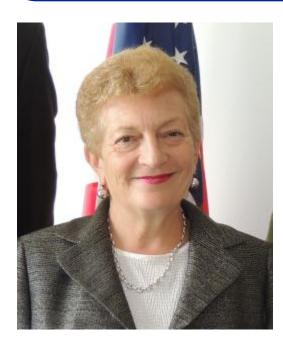






#### Welcome

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### Federal Commitment to Career Pathways Development

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### What Do We Mean by Career Pathway Approaches?

The term "career pathway programs" refers to a clear sequence of education coursework and/or training credentials that:

- Are aligned with the skill needs of local employers;
- Include secondary, adult, and postsecondary education options;
- Include instructional strategies that contextualize learning;
- As appropriate, combine occupational skills training with adult education services, give credit for prior learning, provide dual credit, and accelerate advancement;
- Lead to an industry-recognized degree or credential;
- Include academic and career counseling, and support services;
- Help a worker enter or advance within a specific sector, regardless of their skills at the point of entry
- Are organized to meet the needs of working learners, with flexible and non-semester-based scheduling, and the innovative use of technology.

#### The Joyce Foundation and Career Pathways Development in the Great Lakes Region

Whitney Smith Program Director, The Joyce Foundation





# **The Joyce Foundation**

The Joyce Foundation supports policy and systems change work to improve the quality of life for people living in the Great Lakes region. With nearly \$800M in assets, our annual grant making budget is approximately \$35M.

**Employment Program Goal:** To improve employment outcomes of underprepared, low income adult workers in the Great Lakes region.

#### 2012-2014 priority areas:

**Basic Foundational Skills:** Provide under-prepared adults in the region with the basic foundational skills needed to be successful in 21<sup>st</sup> century work and technical training.

**Industry Training Partnerships:** Ensure that occupational education and training for underprepared adults is valuable in the labor market.

Innovation Fund: Identify, develop, test, and promote ideas with the potential to create step-change improvement in pursuit of the program's goals. Currently focused on alternative financing for workforce development; educational technology for low-literate adults; and use of behavioral sciences to improve worker participation in education.

#### Joyce's interest in career pathways began in 2005 and stemmed from:

- 1) Massive economic transformation in region
- 2) Fragmented and too often low-performing programs to serve adult workers
- 3) Need to use resources more creatively and effectively in a time of constraint
- 4) Leaders in region and around country who were experimenting with new approaches



### Joyce Career Pathways Investments

<u>2005</u>: Madison Area Technical College to identify a financial model for delivering career pathways

<u>2006</u>: Workforce Strategy Center to produce three publications about career pathways including still popular **How to Guide** 



<u>2006-2013</u>: Partnering with CLASP, launched the **Shifting Gears** Initiative working in six states to develop policy and data systems to scale up career pathway approaches

<u>2011-2015</u>: Jobs for the Future's **Accelerating Opportunities** Initiative to scale up and evaluate integrated training pathways for low-skilled adults

<u>2011-2013</u>: To support two Midwest programs to participate in HHS' Innovative Strategies for Increasing Self-Sufficiency (ISIS) evaluation of career pathways

<u>2012-2014</u>: CLASP to launch the 10-state Alliance for Quality Career Pathways

2013: Abt Associates to host a Career Pathways symposium for academic researchers

#### **Role of Community Colleges in Career Pathways**

#### 1) <u>CONVENE</u>:

Career Pathway programs take multiple partners to be successful. Community colleges are well poised to play a convening role with employers, adult education providers, workforce stakeholders, and four year universities.

#### 2) **INNOVATE**:

Creating more seamless on-ramps for adult and development education students to get into college-level, credit bearing programs

Chunking degree programs into manageable sequences that mirror job opportunities in the region



#### 3) EVALUATE:

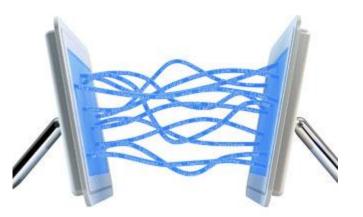
The field is relatively nascent and while it appears promising, we need more evidence. Develop data infrastructure and capacity to track student outcomes and/or volunteer your programs for national study.

## Challenges



Elimination of Ability to Benefit

#### Data sharing and use





Scaling support services

#### SHIFTING GEARS: 5 YEAR PROGRESS REPORT

#### The states that made the most progress:

- Had support from their senior leadership
- Had a strong convener that brought together leaders from adult basic education, workforce development and community and technical college systems regularly
- Identified innovative approaches to test
- Passed policies to ease the way for program expansion
- Used discretionary resources to stimulate interest
- Regularly engaged the "field" through regional meetings and professional development
- Built relationships with peers in other states and actively shared their strategies and lessons learned at national meetings

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#### **The Joyce Foundation**



#### South Texas College: Dual Enrollment and High School Recovery Programs

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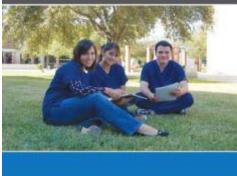


#### South Texas College: Dual Enrollment Academy Program Key Stats



#### DUAL ENROLLMENT ACADEMY PROGRAMS

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE



- STC works with 21 school districts: 68 high schools
- Spring 2013 dual enrollment is over 12,200 students
- 1,240 class sections (880 academic/360 CTE)
- Faculty involved: Over 300 High School DE Faculty/Over 100 STC Faculty



#### South Texas College: Dual Enrollment Academy Core Components

- High School Programs Initiatives
  - Traditional Dual Enrollment Program
  - Dual Enrollment Academy Programs
  - School to Career Academy in Dual Enrollment
  - Early College High Schools
  - High School Recovery Program
  - McAllen College Career Transitions
    Initiative Program

- Building Partnerships
  - Principals' Summit
  - DE Faculty Orientation
  - DE Professional Development Day
  - Teaching and Learning Academy
- Collaborative Work
  - Memorandums of Understanding (Superintendents)
  - Principal Agreements
  - Dual Enrollment Manual
  - One-Stop Shop Processes





## South Texas College: 5<sup>th</sup> Year Senior Recovery Program

- Target out-of-school adults who did not graduate high school
  - Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills Exam (TAKS)
  - Missing high school credits
  - Target Population group: Up to age 26
  - Purpose: HS Diploma/Postsecondary Education

#### • Program Design

- Recruitment Processes
- Career Interest Assessment
- Courses made available on career interest
  - $\,\circ\,$  Kinesthetic and Engaging Curriculum
  - College Success: College knowledge/academic behaviors
- Flexible college courses
  - $_{\odot}\,$  Mini-mester Class Schedule
  - $\circ\,$  Morning and afternoon class sessions
- Ladder Up Bridge Career Pathway Credentials

- Program Services
  - Supplemental Instruction
  - One-Stop Shop
    - $\circ\,$  Student Support Services
    - $_{\odot}$  College Transition Specialist
  - Educational Workshops
  - Daycare/Transportation Services





## South Texas College: Dual Enrollment Funding Model

- Board Policy #3235: Approved in Spring 2000
  - Tuition and fees waived for DE students
    - $\,\circ\,$  Courses taken at the high school
  - \$150 per-credit flat fee
    - Classes taken at STC Campuses
  - Over 67,000 served since 2003
  - Saving families over \$71 million
- Texas House Bill 415
  - Enacted in 2003
  - K-12 Level: Average Daily Attendance Funding
  - Higher Education Level: Student Contact Hour

- Financial Structure
  - STC Faculty: STC charges ISD
    - o Time and travel
    - $\circ$  Average amount: \$2,600
  - HS DE Faculty: Stipend:
    - \$350 per class/per semester





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#### Gateway Technical College: Boot Camps Pathway to Employment

Debbie Davidson Vice President, Workforce & Economic Development Division, Gateway Technical College

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#### **Boot Camp Program Structure**

- 15 weeks/5 days a week
- 8 hours per day
- 524 hour program
- Simulate work environment
- Strict attendance requirements
- Mandatory tutoring if earning less than a "B" in any class



# Partnership Synergy

#### Employers

- Focus groups
- Programming input and review
- Workplace competencies
- Mentoring/volunteering
- Employment opportunities

#### **Workforce Development Centers**

- Employer outreach
- Recruitment
- Pre-assessments
- Case management
- Job placement

#### Gateway Technical College

- Curriculum development
- Instruction and resources
- Continuous improvement
- Skills validation
- Career pathways





#### **Boot Camp Program Stats**

Results	Total # Boot Camps	Total # Completing Program
CNC	16	228
Welding	8	92
Machine Repair	3	35







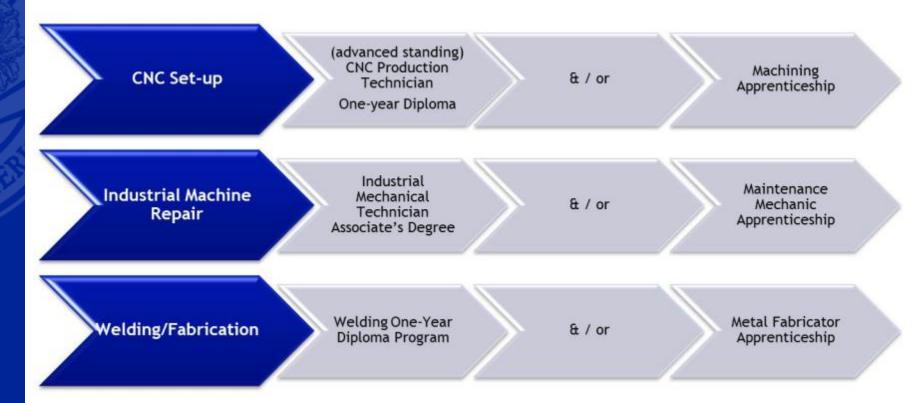
CNC Boot Camp #14 Completion Ceremony

#### Post-Boot Camp Employment

OUTCOMES		<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>	
Completed Program	87%		
Employed	93%	White	53%
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		Hispanic	12%
		Other	0%
		<25	22%
	Employed in CNC	26-35	31%
		36-45	<b>16</b> %
	Unknown	46-55	25%
		56+	<b>6</b> %
	Employed Other		
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		GED	<b>28</b> %
		HS	54%
Low Wage	\$9.25	AA+	10%
High Wage	\$17.00		
Average Wage	\$12.38	Male	<b>90</b> %
		Female	10%
· Pasina County Workforce Do	valapment Contor 2011 Current	Major Barriers	41%

\*Data: Racine County Workforce Development Center 2011-Current

### Career Pathways: Boot Camps Lead Into Campus Programs







# **Boot Camp Funding**



- Tuition and fee based
- Workforce Investment Act funds
- Various grants
- Federal financial aid
- Employer-funded
- Self-pay
- SC Johnson donation





#### Gateway Technical College: Boot Camps Pathway to Employment

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### Career Pathways Development in Kentucky

Dr. Jay Box Chancellor, Kentucky Community and Technical College System





### **KCTCS: Career Pathways Development**

- Summer Youth Programs
- Statewide Dual Credit Agreement
- Kentucky Adult Education Partnerships
- KCTCS "RSVP" Model
- "Stackable" Credentials





## **KCTCS: Cross-System Partnerships**

- State Connections:
  - KWIB
  - KY Association of Manufacturers
  - KY Hospital Association
  - $_{\odot}$  KY Association for Economic Development
  - $_{\odot}$  KY Chamber of Commerce
- Workforce Transitions:
  - o Career Maps





### **KCTCS: Learn on Demand**

- Modularized Curriculum
- Competency Based
- 24/7 Enrollment, Delivery, Services
- Integrated Success Model
- 85% Enrollees are 25 or Older
- 88% Success Rate





### **KCTCS: Career Pathways Primer**

- Align VISION (State and Local)
- Program Development and Revisions
  - $_{\odot}\,$  Pathways Aligned with Business/Industry Jobs
  - Multiple Exit Points
- Student Advising

 $\circ\,$  Focus on High Skilled, High Demand, High Wage PATHWAY

#### • Early Exposure

- Middle School Summer Programs
- $\circ$  Dual Credit Programs





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# Discussion

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## **Panel Discussion**













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The webinar series will continue this summer with a special event focused on the results of a recent OECD study on the strengths and challenges of the postsecondary CTE system in the US. Additional information and the registration link will be made available in the coming weeks.

Stay tuned!