Non-Traditional No More: Policy Solutions for Adult Learners

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Public Policy and Research WICHE
The Project

- $755,100.00 Over two years
- Three states selected via RFP
- Employing two primary strategies
- Across four higher ed arenas
The Three States

State 1

State 2

State 3

RFP sent to 50 states’ SHEEOs, System Heads and Commissioners (January target)

Selected in early Spring (March target)

Each state receives $65,000 over two years, 1:1 match
The Strategies

Identifying Ready Adults
  *Data system extraction or mining

Building a Path to College Success
  *Policy and practice revision
The Data Cycle: Identifying Ready Adults

Reach Out To:

Utilize, Sustain

A State’s System

Define

Compile, Mine or Extract

What’s known (or not)

Ready Adults
Higher Education Areas of Policy Assessment, Change and Impact

Implementation

Policy analysis and revision

Academic
Student Services
Financial Aid
Information

Facilitated sessions in each area
Consultant hired to perform case studies on each state; will be a separate publication.

Evaluation consultant will follow all aspects of the program, states’ work.

Facilitators for each area (and data consultant) will write chapters on process, outcomes.

Information groups in each state will create and publish PR Plan – implement in later phase.
Personnel and Roles

- **Dolores Mize** – Project Director (and facilitator for Information groups)
- **Demaree Michelau** – Deputy P.D. [.50 FTE]
- **Russ Poulin, WCET** – (Co-facilitate academic groups with D. Michelau)
- **David Longanecker** (Facilitate financial aid/financing groups)
- **Brian Prescott** (Data support for lead consultant)
- **Jeanette Porter** (Administration)

Consultants
- Brenda Albright, Lead Evaluator (Changing Direction evaluator)
- Jim Purcell, Lead Consultant for all data teams
- TBD, Facilitator for Student Services
- TBD, Case Study Evaluator*