Bridge & IET Showcase Webinar

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Context for Bridge & IET Programs

Bridge Programs

Adult education bridge programs prepare adults to enroll in postsecondary education and training through occupationally contextualized literacy and numeracy instruction and career and college success activities.

IET Programs

IET programs enable adult learners to develop their foundational skills and workforce preparation skills through occupational training that leads to educational and career advancement.
Bridges to Careers Expansion

Rochester Adult Literacy at Hawthorne
Rochester, MN

Innovator in Bridge Programs

THE PRACTICE
The Bridges to Careers Expansion grows existing partnerships to enable a more diverse range of learners to meet their career goals in healthcare pathways.

INNOVATIVE FEATURES
- Incorporated new career pathways in healthcare beyond direct-service healthcare pathways.
- Enrolled learners earn short-term, employer-recognized certificates.
- Learners can receive up to seven articulated credits upon enrollment at Rochester Community and Technical College.
- Monthly partnership meetings to coordinate services for learners.
- Employer partners recognize program completion certificates and have agreed to interview and consider hiring completers.
Career Pathways

South Bay Adult School (SBAS)
Redondo Beach, CA

Innovator in IET Programs

THE PRACTICE
The Career Pathways program provides adult learners with a broad range of academic and advising supports while earning industry-recognized credentials in a career pathway.

INNOVATIVE FEATURES
- Academic bridge course incorporates efficiency into the pathway from basic skills to college certificate and industry credentials.
- Courses are co-taught by an SBAS ESL or basic skills instructor and an El Camino College instructor.
- Program funds weekly instructor meetings to discuss learners’ progress, coordinate efforts, and plan lessons.
- Learners’ progress is bolstered by intensive support services from an SBAS transitions manager and El Camino College counselor.
Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA)
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THE PRACTICE
Adults living in a rural area can access a nationally recognized credential in the healthcare field while developing their reading and math skills.

INNOVATIVE FEATURES
• The program is delivered in a rural area and eliminates transportation barriers by bringing qualified instructors to the learners.
• The CCMA credential enables learners to obtain a job that is above entry level.
• JCEC offers training providers free physical space to deliver the CCMA courses.
Connections 101
Great Falls Career and College Readiness Center (CCRC)
Great Falls, MT
Innovator in Bridge Programs

THE PRACTICE
Adult education, higher education, and workforce stakeholders collaborate to help adult learners gain the skills and strategies they need to be successful in college or the workforce.

INNOVATIVE FEATURES
• A strong partnership between CCRC, Great Falls College Montana State University (GFCMSU), and the Montana Department of Labor and Industry enables CCRC to braid funds to provide a no-cost program for underserved populations.
• Learners can earn up to six prior learning assessment (PLA) credits at GFCMSU upon completion of the program.
• Learners who transition to GFCMSU from CCRC receive 50% off the first six PLA credits that they transfer to the college.
PluggedIn Virginia (PIVA) Boot Camp
Peninsula Regional Education Program
Newport News, VA
Innovator in Bridge Programs

THE PRACTICE
The PIVA Boot Camp enhances the PluggedIn Virginia model by providing a bridge for learners through contextualized academic instruction and workforce preparation activities in preparation for occupational training.

INNOVATIVE FEATURES
- Expands access to learners that are not eligible for job training programs by delivering instruction in academic, workplace readiness, and occupational skills.
- Offers a flexible model that can be used in a range of industries and with a range of occupational training partners, such as community colleges and state and local government agencies.
- The Boot Camp incorporates career exploration to ensure learners are a good match with their selected occupational training.
Panel Discussion

Cheryl Keenan & Sharon Lee Miller
Closing Remarks

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