

## Kentucky Work Ready Communities in Progress

**A separate plan must also be presented to reduce the percentage of working age adults (18-64) in your county without a high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma (e.g., GED®) as based on the American Community Survey by 3% points in three years and 5% in five years.**

The most recent data from the American Community Survey administered by the U. S. Census Bureau (2008-2010) indicates that in Logan County, there are approximately 3,341 people between the ages of 18-64 without a high school diploma. The Logan County Adult Education and the Logan County Board of Education is committed to increasing the number of adults enrolling in this program, attaining their GED, and transitioning to post-secondary education. The target number for the next three years for individuals receiving a GED will be 494. Approximately 165 GEDs per year or 14 per month. The remaining 2 years of the 5 year goal of 5% will be 330.

The Logan County Adult Education enrollment goal set by Kentucky Adult Education (KYAE) for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 is 407, and the GED attainment goal is 81. However the goal set by the staff of the Adult Education for GED attainment is 165 per year.

Logan County Adult Education, under the supervision of the Logan County Board of Education, continues to provide services as required by Kentucky Adult Education. Program services include: Adult Basic Education (ABE) for learners with skills below the eighth-grade level; adult secondary education for adults desiring to earn a GED® (General Educational Development) certificate, and English-as-a-second language for nonnative born adults desiring to develop English language skills, pass U.S. citizenship tests and work on job-seeking skills.

Outreach Services: Logan County Drug Court was established in April, 2008. Drug Court seeks to intervene and break the cycle of substance abuse, addiction and crime by coordinating the efforts of the judiciary, prosecution, defense bar, probation, law enforcement, mental health, social services, and treatment providers. Drug Court is a shining example of Logan County's success in specialty courts. Instead of spending time in jail, eligible participants complete a substance abuse program supervised by Judge Tyler Gill. An adult education staff member lends support by serving on the weekly Drug Court Panel and the Logan County Adult Education program serves individuals who do not have a high school diploma. Drug Court graduates are more likely to return to productive lives and stay gainfully employed, pay child support and meet other obligations.

Probation and Parole enhances public safety and promotes offender reintegration in the community through proactive supervision and referral to community based resources. Adult Education is one of those resources. Staff works closely with parole officers, providing opportunities for parolees to improve basic skills in reading, language and math. Classes provide opportunities for participants to continue beyond remedial services enabling them to achieve a high school equivalency, and/or post-secondary goals, increasing their wage earning potential.

Another Chance To Succeed (Apprentice Mentoring Program) is a faith-based program that helps selected inmates from our local Detention Center transition from bondage and/or incarceration to freedom. They will receive assistance with housing, education, employment, as well as financial counseling. With the establishment of the A.C.T.S. Program, not only does the staff of Adult Education provide daily academic

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instruction in the Detention Center, the Adult Education Program assists in the transitional needs of those inmates leaving this facility. During the initial transition from the Detention Center to the community, the

Adult Education program provides a critical function. Through personal interviews, in-depth orientation, and the establishment of goals, a framework of direction is adopted.

EOC (Educational Opportunity Centers) service provides assistance to GED and/or high school graduates with the process for completing college admission tasks and a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form. EOC is fiscally administered by Western Kentucky University but a student can receive assistance to attend any post-secondary institution in the United States. An adult education staff member is also employed 10 hours each week by WKU to provide EOC services on site at the Adult Learning Center. This also provides an opportunity for Adult Education to meet the post-secondary objective and also provide college testing preparation services for students reviewing basic skills in reading, math and language.

Community Based Services provide referrals to our program for individuals who receive K-TAP (Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program). While this is considered a job training program, it gives the participants an opportunity to improve their educational skills by working on their GED. This promises to bring together a workforce that consists of K-TAP clients transitioning from welfare to job security and ultimately to self-sufficiency. We now have two students who are going through the Ready to Work and Work & Learn Program.

The calendar year of 2012-2013 will be the third year of Managed Enrollment for LCAE. This provides students with a structured schedule for orientation, assessments, classes and education alternatives. Providing this system introduces students to the scheduling routines they will encounter when they move on to employment and/or post-secondary opportunities. All students must attend a "Success Course" which includes orientation, assessment, and Power Path Screening (intake, diagnostic screenings, and intervention system specifically designed for basic skill, literacy, programs serving persons with special needs). The "Success Course" is scheduled every week on Mondays with an option of attending morning sessions from 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon, or evening sessions from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Students return the following day (Tuesday) to start the assessment process. Depending on TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education) scores, students return the following week for Power Path Screening.

The Barren River WIB has implemented a joint referral partnership between the Barren River Workforce Investment Area and the Logan County Kentucky Adult Education (KYAE) provider effective November 1, 2011 to increase the Adult and Youth GED Attainment Level. The WIA and the KYAE staff will work together to ensure resources and services are available to the eligible adults and youth in order to obtain the GED credential. The WIB has approved for the eligible WIA participants to receive incentives for Educational Functional Level (EFL) Increases and Adult Basic Education (ABE) Level (performance) Gains. The WIB has approved the utilization of WIA funding to pay for eligible WIA customer GED testing.