Creating and Replicating High Quality Experiential Learning Opportunities

Agenda

- What is Experiential Learning
- Why is it important
- Examples
- Resources
High School Experiential Learning Continuum

Experiential Learning Has Positive Effects on Students

- Less likely to drop out and more likely to graduate from high school.
- Miss fewer days of school.
- More confidence in their ability to pursue higher education.
- Higher level of engagement with potential career pathways.
- Slightly higher grade point average

At-risk students are more likely to establish postsecondary education plans if they are involved in experiential learning.

Experiential Learning Key Themes

- Urban vs. Rural
- Local Needs
- Equity & Access
- Transportation
- Stacked Learning
- Variety of Skills & Jobs
- Pipeline Development
19 Case Studies

Academies at Nashville
Advanced Manufacturing and Business Academy
Botanic Garden Industry Council-Scholarship Opportunities
Brookwood High School Integrated Entrepreneurship
Central Education Center Dental Assisting Clinical Experience
Collin County DEMA Internship
Colorado Career Now
Entrepreneurial Business Incubator
Ohio Job Maintenance Pre-Apprenticeship Program

Great Promise Partnership

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Keys to Replication

- Define the goals of your collaborative learning program to determine what to focus on.
- Match your organizational learning capability with your organization's capacity.
- Identify an executive learning champion.
- The organizational structure is key to long-term success.
- Business partners must be at the table.
- Seek the learning experiences.
- Code experiences, not just words.

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Questions