Multiple Education Pathways Blueprints Jefferson Parish, LA

GRANTEE: Jefferson Chamber Foundation

ADDRESS: 3421 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 203 Jefferson, LA 70002

AMOUNT: \$491,666

DURATION: Two years

POPULATION SERVED: All youth, who are at risk of dropping out, and all dropouts, ages 16-21

PARTNERSHIP DESCRIPTION: Jefferson Parish has established a Multiple Education Pathways Blueprint committee that consists of the following major partners: Jefferson Chamber Foundation, Jefferson Chamber of Commerce, Jefferson Parish Public School System, Jefferson Parish Children and Youth Planning Board, and the Parish President's Office. Additional partners include post-secondary educational institutions, foundations, and the juvenile justice system.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project, administered by the Office of Multiple Education Pathways (OMEP) within the Jefferson Chamber Foundation, will create a profile of the dropout and at-risk youth population, review best practices in providing multiple education pathways to graduation, and work to forge better relationships between schools and employers. Project leaders will develop a comprehensive monitoring system that will serve as a first step towards an integrated case management system for at-risk youth. Additionally, an assessment of current policy and funding opportunities for alternative education programs will be conducted.

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