

Multiple Education Pathways Blueprints

City of Gary, IN

GRANTEE: City of Gary

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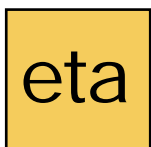
DURATION: July 1, 2007-June 30, 2009

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

PARTNERSHIP DESCRIPTION: The City of Gary has established the Gary Education Leadership Council (GELC), chaired by the Mayor, to lead the development of the Multiple Education Pathways Blueprint. The council consists of the following major partners: Northwest Indiana Workforce Board, Center of Workforce Innovations, Gary Community School Corporation, Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana University-Northwest, and Ivy Tech Community College. Additional partners include community-based organizations, employers, and a private foundation.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Three principles will guide the GELC in the development of the blueprint: 1) rigorous academic coursework, 2) relevant learning opportunities through internships and community partnerships, and 3) relationships with instructors who can help students meet high standards. During an initial assessment phase, the GELC will create a profile of the target population, identify effective options for developing multiple education pathways, and determine barriers to implementing educational alternatives for dropouts and at-risk youth. The activities of four subcommittees, responsible for research and analysis, will include the creation of an asset map of current programs and funding sources for educational pathways, the identification of gaps in service delivery to dropouts and at-risk youth, and the development strategies to connect students to key occupations. Both data analysis and focus groups with dropouts and at-risk youth will help the GELC target key “moments” when youth decide to leave school.

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