

Transition Planning in Kansas

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NRS

National Reporting System
for Adult Education

for Adult Education

How It Began

- ▶ State performance funding for federal indicators including transition to PSE (2000)
- ▶ Focus on community transition as an essential element of the Comprehensive Adult Education Planner (2004)
- ▶ Foresight 2020: Kansas Board of Regents Strategic Plan called for doubling rate of transition for upper level students (2010)



Initiatives

- ▶ United States Department of Education for Ready for College: Adult Education Transitions Programs. Included pilots at seven programs and produced Transition Toolkit which elaborated on the Planner (2007–2009)
- ▶ Incentive grant used to support KAN–GO transition initiatives at 11 programs. Included dual enrollment, transition coaches, and transition classes (2010)
- ▶ Kansas Health Professionals Opportunities Project (KHPOP) grant from HHS. Collaboration with TANF and Department of Commerce. Required 25% team teaching with basic skills and health. Career coaching provided by WIA Title I (2011)



Initiatives (continued)

- ▶ Accelerating Opportunity funded by multiple private sources including Gates Foundation. Modeled after I-BEST. Requires dual enrollment, team teaching, stackable credentials, career pathways in high demand occupations (2011–2014)



Where We Are Today

Kansas Adult Education is the first step in a career pathways system that meets the demands of the Kansas workforce for high skills and the need of Kansas workers for high wages.

Our mission is to promote better quality of life for individuals and communities and prepare adults for achieving industry recognized credentials and college certificates.



Our Policies

- ▶ Transition planning is a required component of the local program administrative framework, the Comprehensive Adult Education Planner
- ▶ Our “Transition Framework”
 - Instruction
 - Support services
 - Collaboration
- ▶ State performance funding factors include:
 - College readiness
 - Transition without exit
 - Double outcomes for transition to PSE
 - % who transition to PSE
- ▶ College and Career Readiness Standards
- ▶ Plan to transform Developmental Education



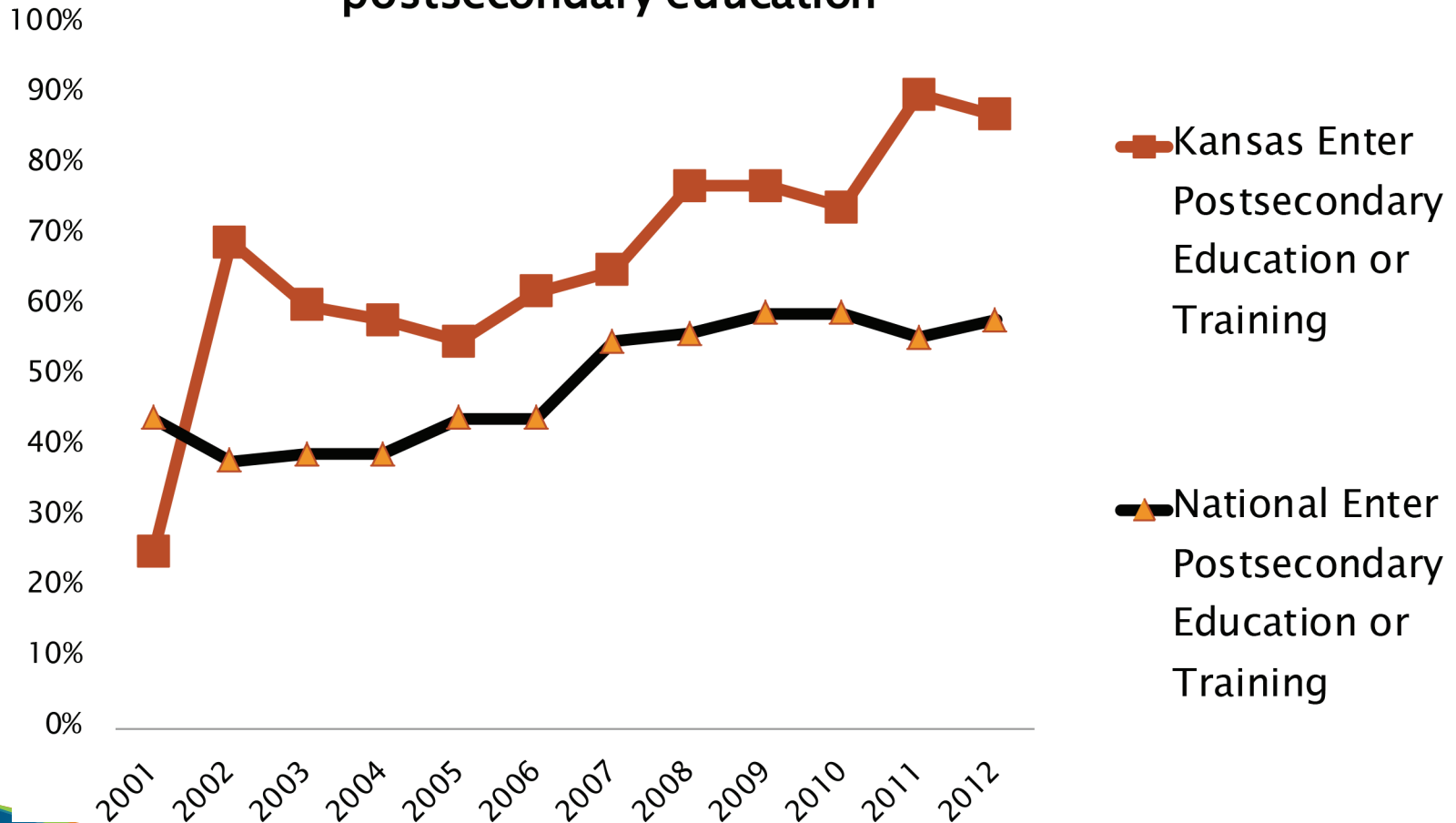
How We Support Our Programs for Transition

- ▶ Initiatives
- ▶ Performance funding, including quality measures
- ▶ Collaboration with TANF, WIA, etc.



How Successful We've Been— According to the Data

Learners who had the goal of entering
postsecondary education



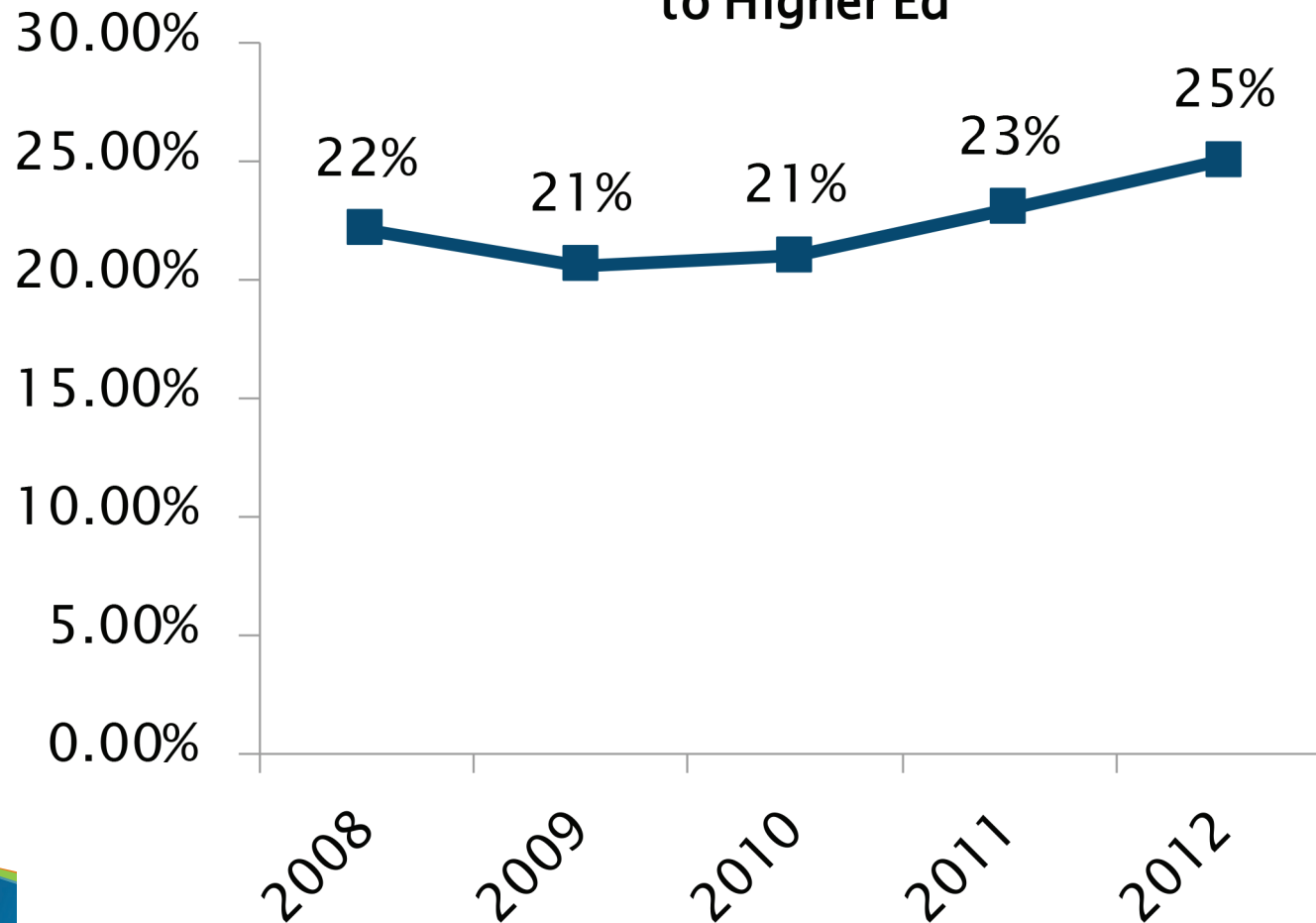
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How Successful We've Been— According to the Data

Percent of Levels 4, 5, 6 and 12 transitioning
to Higher Ed



Challenges for Transition

- ▶ Maintaining focus on goal setting with new NRS cohort definition for transition
- ▶ Supporting programs in school districts and community based organizations
- ▶ Following up on students who transition to PSE



Our Best Tips

- ▶ Focus on jobs, the economy, and improving opportunities for adults
- ▶ Reward success
- ▶ Expect continuous improvement



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