Evaluation Learning
Community

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• Framework calls for comprehensive partnerships with community resources
• Intense Case Management
• Family Welcome Centers as access hubs
• Pathways Out of Poverty
• Resources in neighborhoods of concentrated poverty/limited English language proficiency
New York’s 35 Literacy Zones on the Web:

http://www.nys-education-literacy-zones.org
• Welcome Center
• Investments in case management
• Family Welcome Centers as access hubs
• Pathways Out of Poverty

Made in New York!
Outcomes—evidence of Adult Education fully leveraged

5,000+ Adult Students served in 35 zones

NRS Educational Gain = 14% higher than NYS benchmark (49%), LZ’s at 63%

Over 16,000 documented outcomes beyond NRS

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BTOP funding supports partnerships and pathways

Case management and counseling focuses on helping students and families access benefits

Online benefits tool kit:
http://www.nys-education-literacy-zones.org/

Two Postsecondary Summits
Nov 2010, April 2011

ELC Project!
How Effective is Transition to Postsecondary?

- 15 Students enrolled, 10 persisted, 2 finished with AAS Degree
- Postsecondary transition between Literacy Zone and Community College
- 17 Students referred to Community College
• 11 Community Colleges
• CUNY
• 10 Literacy Zones

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Data we had from our Literacy Zones

• TABE pre and post tests
• Demographic data
• Employment status
• Official Practice Test Scores
• GED Scores

Data we had from our Literacy Zones
Data we were given by our Community College partners

- ACCUPLACER scores
- Developmental courses enrolled/completed
- Credit courses enrolled/completed
- Degree attainment
Questions we asked?

Did students with higher GED scores achieve more?

Did students transition successfully from the Lit Zones to the Community College?

Was there a correlation between ACCUPLACER scores and GED scores?
• **Rebid $40 million WIA Title II:**
  - 50 Literacy Zones
  - Case Management
  - Benefits as resource
  - Family Welcome Centers
  - Case managers have key role in multiple pathways to High School Equivalency diploma
  - Postsecondary models and outcomes

... and in the meantime!
• NYS High School Equivalency competitive RFPs:
  • Full computer based testing
  • Paper and computer test with gradual pull toward full computer based test
  • Comprehensive state wide technology capacity survey to select one vendor

... and another thing!
NYS will establish an Independent Expert panel:

- Additional pathways to a NYS High School Equivalency Diploma

- ACCUPLACER, COMPASS, NEDP, other vendor assessments

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