

National Fund for Workforce Solutions

Webinar: Postsecondary Education Policies that Benefit Lower-Skilled Adult Students

Background Resources

Overview resources

Overcoming Obstacles, Optimizing Opportunities: State Policies to Increase Postsecondary Attainment for Low-Skilled Adults <<http://www.clasp.org/publications/bbtpolicyoverview.pdf>> by Amy-Ellen Duke and Julie Strawn. Center for Law and Social Policy, 2008.

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Policies to Promote Adult Education and Postsecondary Alignment

<<http://www.nationalcommissiononadulthoodliteracy.org/content/strawnbriefrev101807.pdf.pdf>> by Julie Strawn. This paper was prepared for the third meeting of the National Commission on Adult Literacy <<http://www.nationalcommissiononadulthoodliteracy.org/index.html>> on August 20, 2007.

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Bridges to Opportunity for Underprepared Adults: A State Policy Guide for Community College Leaders by Davis Jenkins. Bridges to Opportunity Project, 2008.

http://www.fordfound.org/pdfs/impact/Bridges_to_Opportunity_for_Underprepared_Adults.pdf

Resources on Specific Topics

Bridges to Careers for Low-Skilled Adults: A Program Development Guide by Women Employed, 2005.

<http://www.womenemployed.org/docs/BridgeGuideFinal.pdf>

Strengthening State Financial Aid Policies for Low-Income Adults by Derek Price and Brandon Roberts. Working Poor Families Project, 2007.

http://www.workingpoorfamilies.org/pdfs/Policy_Brief-Financial_Aid_Fall2007.pdf

Pushing the Envelope: State Policy Innovations in Financing Higher Education for Workers Who Study by Radha Biswas, Victoria Choitz, and Heath Prince. Jobs for the Future, 2008.

<http://www.jff.org/Documents/BTPushingEnvelope.pdf>

Promoting Student Success in Community Colleges by Increasing Support Services by Brandon Roberts and Deborah Povich. Working Poor Families Project, 2006.

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Federal Higher Education Legislative Resources

Congress Expands Student Aid and Supports Innovation in Student Success, Basic Skills and Workforce Partnerships <http://www.clasp.org/publications/hea_expandsstudentaid.pdf> by Amy Ellen Duke-Benfield and Julie Strawn. On August 14, 2008, President Bush signed into law P.L. 110-315, Higher Education Opportunity Act, the long-awaited reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1965. This piece summarizes the key provisions that will influence postsecondary access and success for nontraditional students, including year-round Pell Grants and new pilot programs championed by CLASP

for Student Success Grants, Business Workforce Partnerships, and basic skills Bridges from Jobs to Careers programs.

http://www.clasp.org/publications/hea_expandsstudentaid.pdf

Congress Expands Access to Postsecondary Education and Training for Low-income Adults

<http://www.clasp.org/publications/student_aid_9.07.pdf> by Amy-Ellen Duke and Julie Strawn. On September 7, 2007, Congress enacted H.R. 2669, the College Cost Reduction and Access Act. The act substantially helps nontraditional students, such as working adults and older youth, by expanding grant aid and simplifying access to aid. In particular, the act increases the maximum Pell Grant and lets working low-income adults keep more of their earnings.

http://www.clasp.org/publications/student_aid_9.07.pdf

Additional Resources

National Commission on Adult Literacy, *Reach Higher, AMERICA: Overcoming Crisis in the American Workforce*, June 2008

<http://www.nationalcommissiononadulthoodliteracy.org/ReachHigherAmerica/ReachHigher.pdf>

Center for American Progress:

· Louis Soares and Chris Mazzeo, *College-Ready Students, Student-Ready Colleges: An Agenda for Improving Degree Completion in Postsecondary Education*, Aug 2008

<http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2008/08/pdf/highered3.pdf>

· Paul Osterman, MIT Sloan School, *College for All: The Labor Market for College Educated Workers*, Prepared for Center for American Progress, Aug 2008.

<http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2008/08/pdf/highered1.pdf>

· Derek Price and Angela Bell, *Federal Access Policies and Higher Education for Working Adults*, October 2008.

http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2008/10/pdf/access_policies.pdf

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, *Postsecondary Success*, 2008.

<http://www.gatesfoundation.org/united-states/Documents/post-secondary-complete-education-success-plan-november-2008.pdf>

Workforce Strategy Center for Education Commission on the States, *Career Pathways: A Strategy for Transforming America's Workforce Education Systems to Support Economic Growth*, August 2007

http://www.workforcestrategy.org/publications/ECS_CP_Paper_2007-08.pdf

The Workforce Alliance, *Skills2Compete: Restoring America's position as a world leader that grows its economy by investing its people*, 2008.

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Measuring Up: The National Report Card on Higher Education

<http://measuringup.highereducation.org/>

CAEL and NCHEMS, *Adult Learning in Focus: National and State-by-State Data*, 2008.

http://www.cael.org/pdf/ALIF_highlights_%20PRINT.pdf