Blog: OCCRL is Thankful to Share Transformative Work

by Catherine Kirby

In our work with community colleges and their partners, the evaluation and research teams at OCCRL are privileged to see firsthand many exciting initiatives and meet the people who are directly involved. As part of our leadership of the Transformative Change Initiative, we are learning and sharing the ways in which community colleges in the TCI Network are thinking creatively and collectively with partners, focusing programs and processes on students’ needs, and sharing what they are learning and creating with others in the TCI Network and beyond.

We were particularly inspired by the encouraging messages relayed in this video, created by one consortium in the TCI network, MoHealthWINS. We share it with you as an example of how one innovation, Intrusive Student Services, can transform the lives of students and the ways in which our colleges are changing to better meet their needs. And, it is only one example of many promising innovations being tested by colleges involved in Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCT) consortia. We are thankful to be able to observe and share such rewarding work. We think you will enjoy it, too. View the video to see how the Missouri community colleges are helping students in MoHEALTHWins.
Blog: OCCRL leader briefs White House, Capitol Hill staffers on TAACCCT

by Debra Bragg

I recently had the opportunity to brief Congressional staff, employees of the US Department of Labor (DOL), and staff of the Domestic Policy Council at the White House and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on the status of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) grant. The meetings were organized by Mary Clagett of Jobs for the Future (JFF) as part of a series of Congressional briefings that are sponsored by the Joyce Foundation.

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Scaling Profiles Report Available

Lessons from TAACCCT Round One Consortia: The Community College Transformative Change Initiative (TCI)

This report includes an executive summary and the eight State Scaling Profiles from the Round One TAACCCT Transformative Change Initiative member consortias.

Employer Engagement Webinar

December 18, 2013, 1:00 p.m. EST

You are invited to join OCCRL and The Collaboratory, along with the Manufacturing Institute, for the second of a two-part webinar series on employer engagement.

The webinar will feature strategies on how to address points of resistance—pushback in the marketplace—from the perspective of employers, educators, and community partners. For more information, contact Sue Liu at The Collaboratory at sliu@thecollaboratoryllc.com.

Video from the 2013 Scaling Forum

Listen to Kathleen Enright, CEO of Grantmakers for Effective Organizations, discuss scaling.
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