



May 16, 2014 Report for *NetForce*

Blueprint for Success

Completing the second phase of pilots, this curriculum is being developed for ages 13-18 (high school). We had 15 test pilot sites this school year with over 350 students involved. We are revising/correcting any items that our pilots are requesting. We hope to have this curriculum available for sale by the 2014/2015 school year. We will be doing a full day tutorial on the curriculum at the Nebraska Career Educator Conference in on June 3, 2014 in Kearney.

ECAP (Entrepreneurial Community Activation Process)

ECAP can be used in those communities who would like to be “entrepreneur ready. We have completed our pilots with the three original communities and have added an additional four communities for the second year of pilots. These communities vary in size and location. Funding for this research was received through a RFI (Rural Futures Institute) grant. The three original communities have developed and are implementing their “action plan” and moving ahead with the projects they identified through the ECAP process. Piloting of this process should be completed by February of 2015 at which time the program will begin its “roll-out” phase.

CVI – Community Vitality Initiative

The CVI transition team has been busy bringing people in for conversations around the below three outcome areas. Our initial face to face meeting was held on March 17 on east campus with approximately 50 people attending. Each of the signature outcome groups will be meeting within the next month for the second round of focused discussion. The dates are below.

Develop and/or grow rural Nebraska Businesses -- May 21, 2014 at Hall Co. Extension Office in Grand Island NE.

Engage youth and young adults in rural communities -- June 2, 2014 – location TBD

Create 21st Century communities that attract and retain young people -- May 20, 2014 at Lancaster County Extension Office in Lincoln NE.

For more information about any of these programs, please contact:

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Other Items:

ESI Challenge Event will be held for 4-H teams – East Campus – July 1, 2014

NACDEP – National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals – annual conference will be held June 22-24 in Grand Rapids MI. Both the Blueprint team and the ECAP team will be presenting at that conference.

ESI Showcase at NE State Fair – Being planned for Sunday August 31, 2014 – ESI youth will be invited to come to the NE State Fair, set up a booth and sell their “goods” in the NE 4-H Building. The time will likely be from 1 pm to 5 pm.