



Activities and Projects Updates Summary

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YEBO Team continuum – The Youth Entrepreneurship Business Opportunities team was formed approximately two years ago. During that time they have been active at work putting together activities and offerings to enhance youth entrepreneurship education from 3rd grade thru high school. Below is a brief summary of the original items in place and the new activities in the continuum.

3rd Grade to 5th Grade

LEAP Into Careers – Activity book created with a great deal of help from the NE Dept. of Education (Gregg Christensen) based on their Career Cluster Model. Activities are broken into the various career areas listed on the chart with entrepreneurship infused into the language of the curriculum itself. Used in pre 4-H clubs, schools, after school activities etc.

Tec Box (Tinker, Explore, Create) – A makerspace program which allows youth to explore entrepreneurship, learn about empathy, innovation and creativity and in the end create a new product which they will share with their classmates, club mates etc. This is a 6 hour program. Pilots are now complete. Tec Box has been used in several elementary schools and is now being readied for roll out.

6th to 8th Grade

ESI (EntrepreneurShip Investigation) – Digital curriculum will be completed by June 30 with pilots ready for the fall. We are actively looking for pilot sites – if anyone is interested, or knows someone that might be wanting to pilot the curriculum, contact Nancy (neberle@mainstaycomm.net). ESI has been placed in the National 4-H marketplace as well as in Nebraska. ESI camps are starting. The unit books will still be available in printed form as well as digitally. The digital curriculum will ultimately sell for \$15 per student. The codes will be good for one year.

InVenture Day – A one day activity for youth. We have had from 65 to 120 students at our pilot sites. Pilots were completed at: York, Arlington, Deshler and Loup City. This day-long adventure allows youth to increase their knowledge of local businesses, owners and community opportunities while exploring potential entrepreneurial careers. There are pre-sessions conducted in the local schools prior to the event. They use a widget to develop and present a business idea. The final event of the day is the Quick Pitch competition.

9th to 12th Grade

Blueprint – Online curriculum that will lead youth through what it takes to be an entrepreneur and helps them develop their own dynamic business ideas, culminating with a workable business plan and an idea ready to roll out.

Blueprint 101 - We actually started this particular piece as “Sprint Startup”, using 3-day start up activities as our format. It was piloted in Bryan High School in Omaha. We have brought this back to the drawing board and are putting together another offering which will include activities from the online Blueprint Curriculum, some materials from other offerings and will consist of 6-10 hours of instruction which can be done all in one day, or one hour per week if in a classroom setting. Youth will learn the basics of starting a business including ideation, marketing, demographics and financials. We hope to have this activity ready to pilot by fall 2017. We are looking for sites now. If anyone is interested in piloting for us, please contact Dagen Valentine (dvalentine2@unl.edu).

Additional Activities:

We will have an ESI Showcase activity at the NE State Fair again this year. Dates not yet determined

ESI Capitol Competition will take place sometime in early 2018 – this was very popular last year. We were able to bring in 12 ESI competitors into the Capitol Ground Floor Rotunda to set up their booths, talk with senators and the Governor and ultimately vie for cash prizes provided by the ESI team. Dates cannot be determined until we know the schedule for the next session.

Dagen and Nancy presented the YEBO continuum at the Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities Conference in McCook on April 19 and 20, 2017.

Nancy will be part of a panel discussion regarding entrepreneurship at Peru State College on June 1, 2017

The NE Entrepreneurship Ecosystems Best Practices Summit will be held November 2, 2017 at the Kearney Holiday Inn.

NE Extension will be doing education webinars on the various offerings through 4-H starting sometime this year. We will be presenting on the youth entrepreneurship curricula at that time.

Nancy was asked to present ESI on a National 4-H webinar and will be following up with another national webinar on Blueprint this summer.

Six offerings of Community Connections were completed through grant dollars Doris Lux received. The communities have developed action plans and are moving forward. For more information about these sessions, contact Doris (dlux@cccneb.edu). For more information about using Community Connections – which is a free on line curriculum developed for use by entrepreneurial youth and adult leaders, teachers or mentors in their community, contact Nancy Eberle.