



Activities and Projects Updates Summary

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ESI Digital Curriculum – Hopefully will be ready to pilot by fall. Looking for possible pilot sites.

Blueprint Curriculum - High school digital curriculum. Access code purchases indicate it's moving into several other states. Although still fairly new to the market, evaluations indicate it is well received by the instructors and the students.

Entrepreneurship Best Practices Summit – NEAT (Nebraska Entrepreneurship Activation Team) is working hand in hand with NetForce representatives to put on our second Summit. The date of the Summit will be November 17, 2016 at NE Innovation Campus in Lincoln. (More details shared during the meeting.) The group opened a Facebook account which will become active again as the 2016 summit details are developed. Join this group now at:

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=nebraska%20entrepreneurship%20best%20practices%20summit>

ESI Summer Camps – In 2015 ESI camps were given in 50 locations across the United States. This is the highest number of camps held since its inception in 2008. Multiple camps will be held starting the end of May, 2016.

NE Extension Issue Team – Youth Entrepreneurship issue team is working towards their initial goals. This group has initiated programming for three distinct groups: Elementary, Middle School and High School youth.

Elementary – “TEC Box” being developed. This will be a “for sale” item that elementary instructors can use as enrichment in their classroom. Youth will develop a business idea around “games” using some of the materials in the box and their own imagination. This will be accompanied by instructions for the teachers and suggestions for a “class quick pitch” or “show and tell” outside of the classroom similar to the idea of a science fair.

Middle School – inVENTURE Day activity – Based on ESI Discovery Day workshops. This will be a one day event in which student are able to develop business ideas around a “widget”. This will be a judged competition. It will involve instruction around business development in the morning followed by teams working on a business plan and culminating with a presentation to be judged. Awards will be given.

High School - 3DS (Three Day Start Up) events planned – called “Startup Sprint”. This is proposed for a weekend event for students interested in developing a business idea and moving it forward in a team setting within the three day time line. Mentors and facilitators are on hand to help with any questions that may come up. At the end of the 3 days, teams will “pitch” their ideas to a judging team.

Nebraska State Fair event - The issue team has decided to hold a “kick off” event during the Nebraska State Fair on August 30, 2016 (Proposed date). A “Creation Station” will be set up in the Raising Nebraska building. Youth can use their imagination and skills to put together a product prototype using materials provided at the “station”.

ECAP – Entrepreneurial Communities Activation Process – Pilots were completed last year in 7 communities of various size and location across the State of NE. The communities involved were able to move forward in their “action planning” process. ECAP training was made available recently to community leaders and resource providers. More information can be located at this website: <http://communityvitality.unl.edu/ecap>

Central City, one of the pilot communities created a website around their process: <http://www.cc-ne.com/ccne/economic-development/ecap-information>

NE Extension created YouTube video to help describe the process – testimonials were included from the pilot communities. This video can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uHf1xE7Yilc>

The ECAP curriculum website is being developed. This should be available soon.

Calendar of Events Dates (workshops, conferences and events you are hosting/sponsoring)
Please provide date, event title and web links to information: