

Stepping Stones for Building an Entrepreneur in Valley County

ESI Camp
5th-9th grade

**Youth
Entrepreneur
Showcase**
5th-12th grade

FBLA
7th-12th grade

**Business
Discovery Day**
9th-12th grade

Connect the Dots
9th & 10th graders
**Career Discovery
Day**
11th graders

School to Work
11th-12th grades

**Internships &
Employment**
10th-graduates

**Career & Business in
Valley County**
Ultimate outcome for
alumni and newcomers

Vision for Elevating Entrepreneurship Programming during next 5 years:

- Increasing engagement of youth in 5th-12th grades, college students and young adult entrepreneurs and business owners-filling the gap of decreased engagement at the high school and college levels
- Aligning local programs with the state programming opportunities to achieve a holistic entrepreneurship development program
- Continuing to influence youth and parent mentality of opportunities to successfully live and work in rural Nebraska hometowns-business ownership, professional careers, quality of life for families. The parent engagement piece is a growth point for improvement.
- Recruiting and supporting increased business start-ups and business transitions in Valley County including professional services, retail and production businesses.
- Creating coaching/mentoring teams of local business leaders to support new business start-ups and business transitions.
- Designing an Entrepreneurship Incubator on the downtown square in Ord and/or possibly a STEM or STEAM facility in Valley County.

Questions & Ponderings

- We are concerned about our capacity for program coordination as programs continue to grow and evolve-possibilities for partnering with CCC, UNL, Extension, Etc. on a deeper level.
- Have you identified new trends and/or shifts in student interests and needs related to entrepreneurship development?
- Would the Y.E.B.O. program/curriculum be a good fit for Valley County and if so what is the implementation process?
- We are exploring the value of coordinating a regional focused conversation with community stakeholders to align current programming, rural community trends, educational needs and desires, etc. for entrepreneurship development to inspire our shared vision. Do you have statewide data available or a format for holding a focused conversation of this nature?