

EDUCATION MATTERS

TRIO/Educational Opportunity Centers Program Newsletter September 2020

EOC Begins 19th Year of Free Services for Adults



TRIO is a set of federally-funded college opportunity programs that motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds in their pursuit of a college degree. EOC provides counseling, financial guidance and necessary supports for educational access and retention of adult students.

EOC would like to thank our campus and community partners for their support of TRIO/EOC and the adults that we serve. We remain steadfast in our belief that the community has the wisdom and experience to transform and make equitable improved education outcomes for limited-income and first-generation adults. A special thanks to our host institution Wichita State University under the leadership of **Dr. Jay Golden (President)** and **Deltha Q. Colvin**, Associate Vice-President/OSP), Thanks to **Oletha Faust Goudeau** (Kansas Senate), **Gail Finney** (Kansas House), and **Kenya Cox** (Kansas African American Affairs Commission) for over fifteen years support of the EOC Program. **Heather Pierce** (United Way 211 Call Center Coordinator) for assistance with our program information dissemination. WSU Office of Special Programs Directors are being recognized for their contribution to the EOC Program this past grant year: **Dr. Alan Dsouza** (Policy Director), **Diana Carbajal** (Executive Director for Haysville GEAR-UP), **Corinne Nilsen** (State Director for Kansas Kids at GEAR-UP). EOC recognizes **Joani Purdy** (ORION Diploma Completion) for 15 years of collaboration. **EOC celebrates the contributions** of the following community partners: USD259 Chester Lewis Adult Learning Center - Kansas School for Effective Learning (KANSEL) - Fresh Hope - Harbor House - Salvation Army - Urban League of the Mid Plains - HUD Family Self Sufficiency Program - Department for Children and Families - United Way of the Plains EAN Network - Atwater Neighborhood Resource Center - Colvin Neighborhood Resource Center - Evergreen Neighborhood Resource Center - NexStep Alliance.

Adults Can Explore a Career using Virtual Job Shadow



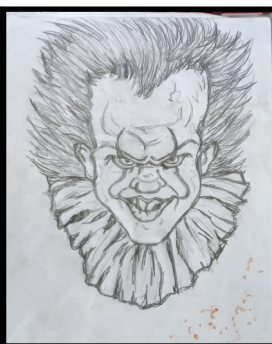
Ask us about JobShadow. It takes career exploration to the next level. JobShadow allows you to virtually experience a career field before you commit time and money on that career. See videos, featuring real people in real careers. Learn what career options are out there for you.

Congratulations to the EOC Art Contest Winners



Raindrops and A Tiger

Photographer: **April McAllister**



Pennywise based on author Stephen King character

Artist: **Tiffany Lish**

Congratulations to **April McAllister** and **Tiffany Lish**. **April** enjoys photography and she submitted a beautiful photo she captured of raindrops & a tiger. **Tiffany** enjoys drawing and submitted this drawing depicting how scary pursuing an education can sometimes be. Both artists will receive a plaque and a \$50 gift certificate.

Want to Succeed in College? Read This Book!



A self-orientation guide with definitions, customs, procedures, and advice to assist adults in adjusting to the start of college.

By Carlette Jackson Hardie

This book was written for the adult who is getting ready to enter (or re-enter) college or university. College students who are the first in their family to attend college usually do not have prior knowledge of how colleges and universities operate. The book offers tips to take the mystery out of college. It also offers information on how to achieve balance between home, work & school. A set of terms that may be unfamiliar to first-gen college students is featured. Contact EOC for your copy.

Tell Your Story on Zoom



Stories have the power to heal, unify and empower. We're collecting stories of your experiences as adults returning to school.

If you'd like to use your experience to inspire others, consider sharing your story with EOC. We are looking for program participants to be a part of our Zoom tell your story Thursdays. For more information or to volunteer, Call 978-7800 or email the EOC program.

Who are Adult Learners?



They are adults who return to school to improve their lives.

All kinds of adults return to school, including: people who work, homemakers, single parents and retirees.

Education helps them grow professionally, personally, and socially.

Please apply online or call us at 978-7800.

Help for Adults who Stopped out of High School



Come get your diploma!

In the U.S., there are about 30,000,000 adults without a high school diploma.

Its time to earn yours. EOC can help. .
Go online and apply today. Become a part of this program of offering hope and opportunity.



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