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STATE HIGHER EDUCATION EXECUTIVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Oklahoma's Adult Promise Initiative

- ◆ Provide a **statewide degree completion program to include degree programs associated with workforce development needs** on *"Oklahoma's 100 Critical Occupations"* list. This will build on the Reach Higher Adult Degree completion Program, and expand its reach and opportunities.
- ◆ Secure **funding from multiple sources for adult students**, leveraged to cover educational costs:
 - ◆ **Business partners** (tuition assistance/scholarships, reimbursements, release time, mentoring, etc.);
 - ◆ **Native American Education Offices** (scholarships, educational assistance and services, mentoring, etc.);
 - ◆ **State Agencies** (state financial aid, SNAP, WIOA training funds, childcare assistance, etc.); and
 - ◆ **State Colleges and Universities** (emergency fund access, tuition waivers, book scholarships, mentoring, coaching, tutoring, concierge/dedicated Navigators/Coordinators, etc.).
- ◆ **Target audience:**
 - ◆ Students aged 25-49;
 - ◆ Income below \$75,000;
 - ◆ 75% (45 credit hours) completed towards an associate degree **OR**
 - ◆ 50% (60 credit hours) completed towards a baccalaureate degree;
 - ◆ Commitment to pursue a degree associated with an occupation on *"Oklahoma's 100 Critical Occupations"* list;
 - ◆ 2.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) in previous college work with all remedial work completed.
- ◆ **Outreach:**
 - ◆ Partnerships with businesses will be pursued in conjunction with the Governor's Attainment Challenge Goal, funded through Lumina;
 - ◆ Partnerships with the Tribal Education Departments National Assembly (TEDNA) to engage the 39 recognized tribal headquarters in Oklahoma. The Memorandum of Understanding with TEDNA was signed in May 2017 and many tribal education officers became Reach Higher Coordinators for their tribe in September 2016; and
 - ◆ Working through the Governor's Council on Workforce and Economic Development, partnerships with private sector businesses, federal agencies, state agencies, and Workforce Boards will be developed, expanding on the current working relationships.