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ABSTRACT

This guide deals with the implementation for an Urban Career Education Center Program (UCEC), an alternative approach to the traditional educational system which emphasizes career development. The guide offers initial suggested procedures for local administrators to follow in developing an UCEC in their neighborhood. It can be used in concert with the available technical assistance and support services provided through the existing UCEC program. The first section of the guide answers how UCEC is implemented. Section 2 offers suggested timelines for the implementation of a UCEC program. Section 3 provides various implementation task statements and outcomes. The tasks that are discussed include the following: (1) to consider the adoption or adaptation of the UCEC program; (2) to have the local personnel prepare the implementation proposal; (3) to begin the site selection process; (4) to implement the start-up activities; (5) to begin the operational program for UCEC; and, (6) to have the UCEC and the Industrialization Centers of America (OICs/A--the organization from which the UCEC program stems) monitor and provide close start-up support for each local unit's programs. (Author)

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General Information Booklet

UCEC Folder and Description Packets for CIP, CCP, COP
Training Manuals for CIP, CCP, COP
Curricular Outlines for CIP and COP

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Introduction

The Urban Career Education Center (UCEC) is an alternative approach to the traditional educational system. Its emphasis is on career development. An outgrowth of the commitment of the Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America (OICs/A) to serve the poor, UCEC is a joint educational effort between school, community and industry and is composed of three distinct but interrelated components:

The Career Intern Program (CIP) — Designed for high school students disillusioned by their previous high school experience, this program allows them to explore and develop career plans while earning the high school diploma.

The Career Orientation Program (COP) — This component provides a mechanism for integrating career-oriented subject matter into existing academic curricula by facilitating cooperative ties among the school, home and community and providing technical assistance to school personnel.

The Community Career Program (CCP) — By involving parents of the CIP interns in supportive activities, this program increases knowledge of various careers for parents as well as for their children. It is designed also to extend career, educational and economic opportunities to parents and other adults by locating resources to assist in developing basic skills and job skills.

The self-help philosophy so successful in the OIC for aiding the discouraged adult to break out of the cycle of poverty now has been transcribed into UCEC terms to reach the children. By combining a rigorous program of academic preparation with a systematic examination of and involvement in practical work experiences, the UCEC addresses the personal, social and intellectual needs of both students and their families.

Why is there an Urban Career Education Center?

The thrust of UCEC is to counteract the effects of a public school system that does not consistently meet the values and interests of many students, particularly those from minority cultures. School personnel unaware of the extent to which poverty and cultural bias can affect a student's sense of self seem to have difficulty teaching culturally different students.

Schools should provide teachers who are credible to students, teachers with whom students can identify and relate. When youngsters try to measure their own personal worth, they see it frequently through their teachers' attitudes. If teachers have problems relating to students who are economically and culturally different from themselves, they tend to lower their expectations for student achievement. Much evidence has been collected to indicate the existence of these prejudices. When low achievement is antici-

pated, it often is the outcome

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In every decade masses of students representing minority populations are denied a satisfactory education because mainstream teachers and program content for the most part have been unable to understand and relate to the student's background. Not using student backgrounds as bases for learning has caused many students to lose interest and motivation to learn. Without confidence in their own potential they become the high school dropouts of their generation.

OCEC operates on certain premises fundamental to the improvement of student achievement, motivation and success. It revolves around the idea that school personnel need to be sensitive to the world in which students live and must bring into the academic setting experiences that will be attractive to students. Program content must reflect student culture, learning styles and experiences. Cultural chasms must be bridged between students' families, communities and the schools. Pressing for the inclusion of nearby industrial resources in the academic environment can provide career knowledge that leads to prudent educational vocational counseling.

The upshot of UCEC, then, is to strike forcefully and positively at the educational experience on behalf of those students whose needs are unmet by traditional school programs.

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How is UCEC Implemented?

port structures necessary for a UCEC program. adult community and identified other possible supcreated linkages between schools and industry, devecan be made from existing OIC Locals. Affiliates have loped working relationships with members of the Some assumptions concerning program feasibility

of invaluable resources ready and available to people an upgrading of career skills and aspirations of lowthroughout the community. industry; a broader understanding of student needs; commitment among school, home, community and CCP. A fully implemented UCEC reflects a shared and acceptance of all of the above-mentioned premincome parents and other adults; and a flushing out ises through its basic components — CIP, COP and Installing a viable UCEC calls for the recognition

ing UCEC program. tance and support services provided through the exist used in concert with the available technical assisstrator with information on workscope, proposed neighborhood. The Guide will equip the administrators to follow in developing a UCEC in their offers initial suggested procedures for local admini effectiveness. This Implementation Planning Guide of the UCEC prototype in a variety of settings. Each time sequences and expected outcomes. It can be new areas of inquiry for adaptive techniques and favorable reproduction of the program will open up quality of services provided by successful replications stallation of the UCEC prototype still are being refined, the real test of validity will be reflected by the Although the techniques for dissemination and in

ity resources. Replication of the UCEC experience recording priorities and uncovering needed commun a continued process of thoughtful deliberation in members of the community. They need to engage in and industry who can develop processes to make edu cation more attractive and jobs more accessible to al dedicated, capable people in schools, communities for today's youth. It requires the involvement of provide quality education and career opportunities The underlying theme of replication is the need to

ment of many of the nation's disenchanted young potential academic achievement and career developmakes imperative a shift in attitude concerning the

situations. bilities of translating the program to their own unique interviews with administrators, staff and students visit to the model program in Philadelphia. Such type in their own communities should consider a site interested in adopting or adapting the UCEC protomation contained in the UCEC folder, those persons from the UCEC operation which can clarify the possi first-hand observation allows the visitor to conduct UCEC components (CIP, COP, CCP) and other infor After studying the descriptive brochures on the

portive social services agencies and facilities for operation from local industry, available funding, supeducational needs, interest by the school system, coinvestigation should examine the local site in terms of step in implementation is a feasibility study. Such an housing such a project. Once program aims and goals are chosen, the next

Urban Career Education Center Program (UCEC). This guide will deal with implementation for an

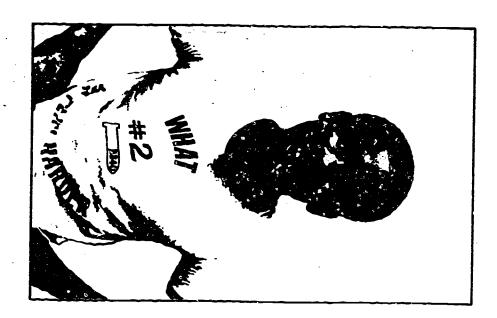


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Implementation Task
Statements and Outcomes

Section 1

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Task Description:

1. Consider Adoption or Adaption of the UCEC.

This step sets the stage for the entire implementation

UCEC concept in terms of local educational and com sidering local implementation. determines whether or not to proceed further in conmunity needs and commitment. This examination The OIC Local Executive Director examines the

UCEC and notifies OICs/A-UCECP of its interest. The Local OIC decides to continue planning for a 1.1 The Local OIC establishes a liaison with OICs/

gram which is designed to orient groups who are considering adoption or adaption. Additional infor audiences will then receive the UCEC information mation can be procured by writing: brochure containing a general overview of the pro-National and/or Regional OICs/A Offices. Interested This task involves developing a relationship with the

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about the operation of the program. UCEC (CIP, CCP, COP) provide further details Description packets discussing each component of

1.2 Local personnel comprehend goals, objectives considering adoption or adaption. The OIC Local has expressed a desire to proceed in

and milestones of the UCEC model.

Task Description:

Result:

anticipated benefits to students and their families. vices, community and inclustrial interests and tion given to staffing needs, funding, support seranalyze these materials and discuss all issues funda-Staff from the Local OIC and school district should conditions necessary for establishing a program. mental to organizing a UCEC with special considerathe description packets will be helpful in defining Material from the UCEC information brochure and

A-UCECP.

Task Description:

Result:

Result

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the UCEC mode). The Local OIC develops a better understanding of

1.3 The Local's personnel plan a site visit to the of the program. UCEC prototype for a firsthand observation

present as well as those from the community, the administrators participating in the program. The nity to conduct interviews with students, staff and operation, this visit gives Local OICs the opportuindustrial and business interests. visit so that representatives from the schools are For those who are interested in seeing the model in Local OIC should involve all relevant persons in the

Result:

Task Description:

in a different setting. A firsthand observation will clarify further the sasibility and possible effectiveness of the program

1.4 Local personnel conduct a study for possible adoption or adaption.

cies and the extent of support which can be exable to implement the program should be carried student needs and an assessment of business, industheir community, school and students. bility forms will also aid potential adopters in anapected from the school district itself. The site feasi profile of their own community's educational need: to disseminate site feasibility forms to interested out. The Regional-Local network of OICs/A is used trial, social services and community support avail-A thorough examination of local educational and lyzing their unique needs and provide them with resources available in each community, i.e. possible Local OICs and other parties to help them outline a further insight into the impact of the program on funding and industrial linkages, social service agen-Information collected for this study will assess the

1.41 Assess Local OIC's needs.

which will be affected directly or indirectly by the Such information should be collected on all groups

1.411 Identify student needs.

A careful examination should be conducted in terms of students — their aspirations, motivation,

potential, etc.

1.412 Determine parent needs.

are their counseling needs in addressing family their employment and educational needs? What What are their own career aspirations? What are career education program for their children? one. Are parents interested in participating in a ence on their children, this step is an important Since parents exert extensive and serious influ

1.413 Assess school board needs.

support that the school policy makers, the adprogram. ministration and staif are ready to give to such a This examination should focus on the amount of

1.414 Diagnose community needs

already in existence in the adult community and levels. for raising their educational and employability the desire and interest in the adult community to meet these personnel needs, the kinds of skills personnel needs, possible job training programs ployment possibilities, industrial and business Encompassed here are an investigation of: em-11

1.42 Determine desirability of adoption or adaption.

gathered and transmitted to the Regional Office. Information on the following factors needs to be

1.421 Analyze school board intent.

district will be a determining factor as will be the bility of the goals of UCEC and the local school concerning the appropriateness of local developextent of local needs. ment of the entire UCEC program. The compati This effort will provide essential information

1.422 Locate an educational services site to house the program.

an infirmary. The site should be located away offices, resource centers, science laboratories, meeting rooms, recreational areas, rest rooms and The facility should have space for classrooms,

from existing high schools so as to provide a new environment for the students. The facility must meet local building code standards.

1.423 Investigate the granting of academic credit.

This matter is crucial if the program is going to offer students a meaningful educational alternative. How much credit and for which subjects need to be determined in this sequence.

1.424 Explore possible avenues of financial resources.

This search is a vital factor in determining the practicality of developing such a program. Funding support for the UCEC program must be appraised in terms of local needs.

1.425 Determine extent of local support.

If the Local DIC is to continue planning, support should be determined vis a vis the levels of interest of the school district, the business and industrial community, the school staff and parents.

1.426 Take stock of the utility of a viable OIC

Certain assumptions for adoption or adaption can be made when a Local OIC exists. For example, there will already be an established success record in training people and placing them in jobs. Linkages exist between industry and the community that have potential for further development.

1.427 Consider evaluation requirements.

Evaluation of the program is an important feature. An independent agency should be located and should be performing evaluation tasks from proposal development through the program implementation and operational phases.

The OIC Local has the necessary information to make a decision regarding its needs and capabilities based on its feasibility study.

Result:

1.5 OIC Regional Office makes the go/no go decision.

Local OICs will submit their feasibility studies to their OICs/A Regional Offices for review and validation. It will be the Regional Offices' responsibility to make a go/no go decision concerning the capabilities and needs of the Locals.

- 1.51 The Implementation Planning Guide is disseminated to all of the Local's personnel who will be involved in the proposal development.
- Local personnel appeal to OICs/A-UCECP when a no go decision is made.

Locals receiving an adverse decision from the Regions may appeal to the OICs/A-UCECP for further consideration.

The administrators of OICs/A-UCECP will reexamine information on the site in question and will notify respective audiences of their decision.

Local Personnel Prepare the Implementation Proposal.

Consideration must be given to the entire workscope of the program, local support, projected expenditures and expected results for students, industry and the community. The basic initial program ideas must be transformed into a viable operational system if complete implementation is to take place.

2.1 Select components.

In some Locals there will be enough need and available support to opt for the implementation of all three components (CIP, CCP, COP). In other communities total installation may be less desirable and it will be more suitable to implement one or two components only.

2.2 The Local OIC Executive Director takes a leadership role to formulate and design a proposal.

The Local OIC Executive Director provides guidance in the development of the proposal. It will be his/her responsibility to assure input in this development from the school district, the community and business interests.

2.21 Involvement of local groups.

Because local support is so pivotal to a program such as this, linkages with social, educational, political and business interests are necessary.

2.22 Nurture financial resource linkages.

These are vital in preparing for implementation since developing a stable program requires a budget for hiring and training staff, purchasing materials and supplies and providing other program necessities.

2.23 Incorporate evaluation linkages into the proposal plan.

Assessment should commence simultaneously with implementation and be operational throughout.

2.3 Prepare proposal for submission to OICs/A. UCECP.

With the aid of the Local Executive Director and the appropriate representation from involved parties, work can begin on the proposal.

- 2.31 This task force should review all OICs/A-UCECP materials and seek further information as needed from the Regional Office.
- .32 School board approval must be obtained. A letter of intent delineating the commitment of the educational enterprise is necessary.
- 2.33 All proposals should address the following: Problem statement

Related research

Objectives

Budget (operational evaluation)

Letter of intent indicating school board approval Personnel (roster of management personnel and and readiness)

Technical Assistance required from OICs/A-UCECP

Procedure:

- A population sample
- B design and methods
- 1) student characteristics
- student recruitment.

- 3) staff selection procedures
-) academic credit
- integration into traditional schools
- business, industrial, educational and community linkages
- C collection of data and measures
- D analysis of data
- E time schedule
- F end product

These written plans are incorporated into the implementation proposal which is now ready to be submitted.

3. The Site Selection Process Begins.

This process includes the following tasks:

- 3.1 Locals submit proposals to OIC Regional Office.
- 3.2 The Regions review proposals and recommend five possible sites to OICs/A-UCECP.
- 3.3 OICs/A-UCECP review and make recommendations.
- 3.4 OICs/A and OICs/A-UCECP administrations select one of these sites from each Region for implementation and one site as an alternate.
- 3.5 Notification of site selection is then made by OICs/A-UCECP to all groups who have submitted proposals.

4. Implement Start-up Activities.

At this stage of installation priorities include recruiting, selecting and training staff, developing program sites and orienting in-school program personnel.

4.1 Select management staff.

Members should be recruited on the basis of experience, expertise in the field, sensitivity and training. The program coordinator and other supervisory personnel are recruited first.

- 4.11 Announce availability of positions to all Local staff members and the community at large.
- 4.12 Local OIC Executive Director reviews and selects candidates for these key positions. Resumes are then forwarded to OICs/A-UCECP.

4.13 Selections are subject to OICs/A-UCECP's

4.2 Management staff training begins at the UCEC

OIC is responsible for providing training time for its counseling, instruction and evaluation. The Local specialists in administration, career development, operating UCEC. The Replication Teams include duct training sessions employing techn. program management staff. methodologies that should be utilized with, an Replication Teams from OICs/A-UCEC

tion Teams throughout these training sessions. 4.21 Distribute training manuals to Local staff Training manuals will be utilized by the Replica

4.22 Begin training process.

grammatic design, dynamics and outcomes. An the program. ramifications of evaluation paramans throughous important feature of this instruction will be the Training instruction will encompass UCEC's pro-

4.3 Select remaining staff.

4.31 The appointed program co members. interview and select his/her or ≟

C staff

4.32 Final staff selection will be s. approval of the Local OIC Exe

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ponent by making the final staff choices. Local OIC program coordinator completes com-

- 4.4 Further training of all staff at the UCEC prototype site.
- 4.5 Technical assistance will continue to be provided, as needed, at local site.

4.6 Begin local site development.

up an ongoing staff development program. munication system with OICs/A-UCECP and to set It is important to establish and maintain a com-

4.61 Work out timelines with OICs/A-UCECP's Replication Team.

4.62 Make individual staff assignments.

nators: This task is performed by the program coordi-

supervisor, career resource center specialist and the school district coordinator; supervisor, associate professionals, instructional for the CIP — with the counseling and career

learning specialist and associate professionals; for the COP — with the curriculum specialist, the

professionals. ist, the program specialist, counselors and associate for the CCP — with the group development special-

Recruitment of interns from selected high schools, through referrals, or by individual application. The School District Coordinator examines prospective interns' school records for sufficient criteria for admission (minimum 5th grade reading level, sporadic school attendance, lack of interest in traditional high school, family adjustment difficulties, no major disciplinary problems, minimum of 2 earned high school credits.)

Career Orientation Program

The number of participating schools is determined by those primary and secondary schools seeking to adapt or adopt the program. A Career Development Committee (CDC) is established in each hool designated for implementation of a COP. The CDC will be trained by the COP staff for programstalation. The CDC will include one community representative, one counselor, and one representative from each of the four major disciplines (English, math, social studies and science.)

Community Career Program

The target group for the CCP will be the parents of the CIP interns as well as other interested adults from the community. From the initial recruitment and selection of interns, parental involvement will begin.

4.8 Addressing initial client needs.

Intake interviews of all prospective interns and parents are scheduled. Data are collected on interns' educational and social needs and eligibility for enrollment. A lottery is arranged for final selection.

Set up support groups to serve as links with program resources. Identify industrial and business advisory groups who can suggest school-related programs, policies and procedures that teachers can develop with their own curricula. Orient the CDC to their tasks and goals. Schedule meetings and workshops.

Set up support groups to serve as links with program resources. Identify industrial and business, educational and/or training support which can facilitate parental and other adult upward mobility. Determine parent needs and schedule workshops, educational seminars and meetings to help them attain their goals.

5. Begin the Operational Program for UCEC.

Career Intern Program

- Orientation provides parents and interns with information on the UCEC and CIP goals and anticipated outcomes.
- Phase 1 arrange counseling seminars, initiate individual career development plans. Provide mechanism for assessment of interns' progress.
- Phase II intensive individualized academic subject matter integrated with career-oriented material and Hands-on experiences.
- Phase (II -- coordinator of UCEC efforts to assist interns in meeting career goals including college enrollment, on-the-job training, advanced skill training or employment.
- Follow-up on all CIP graduates counselor provides assistance to and assessment of progress for former interns.
- Evaluation helps program developers make necessary adjustments to the next year's CIP program.

6. OICs/A-UCECP's Monitoring Function.

OICs/A-UCECP's staff and the Replication Teams with provide close start-up support for each Local's program. There will be periodic site visitations with long-term technical assistance in such areas as administration, curriculum, counseling, the career department and instruction. This technical assistance will include the identification of problems, the setting of priorities and the use of contingency actions.

Career Orientation Program

- In-service training plan and develop ongoing activities to provide information and assistance to integrate career lessons into existing curriculum
- Field trips identify field sites through cooperation of business and industrial firms for student trips.
- Audio-visual aids initiate and maintain current and appropriate files for classroom instruction.
- Develop curriculum for Career Education which combines the COP behavioral objectives with previously developed lesson plans.

Community Career Program

- Career-oriented activities plan seminars, career and self-improvement workshops, help parents explore employment and educational opportunities.
- Family counseling sessions to define parental needs and concerns with attention given to the interns' needs as well.
- Linkages with educational centers and skill training programs established for interested parents.
- Community social services assist parents in obtaining information on availability of services.
- Students' education establish and maintain parental involvement.
- Foster community involvement set up special community groups, such as a Community Advisory Board, to discuss community problems and make recommendations.

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