Leveraging College and Community Partnerships to Enhance Educational Pathways

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Mission of 70x2025VT: Increase the economic and civic vitality of Vermont through education attainment. By 2025, 70 percent of working-age Vermonters will possess a postsecondary degree or credential of value. (source: 70x2025VT.org)
“Nearly seven in 10 of the “high-pay, high-demand” jobs to be created in the next decade will require some level of education and training after high school, according to research from Georgetown University.”

-70x2025vt.org, October 24, 2017

Task: How do “we” provide access and resources to Vermonters?
Getting started and setting foundations: Hints & tips.

- Don’t be afraid to not always get it right
- Identify like-minded partners
- SWOT yourself and your “team”
- Know your mission and your goals
- Have a firm grasp on your limitations and allowances
Things don’t always go as planned. Do them anyway.

"For the things we have to learn before we can do them, we learn by doing them" -Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics (Ross)/Book 2
People are resources, choose them wisely.

“We do not want to work with people who are going to tell us how something won’t work, we want to work with people who will help us figure out how to make it work” - Dr. Stacey Hills, Chair of the McCormack Division of Business, Southern Vermont College
SWOT variations can streamline the getting started process and allow for ease in “selling” initiatives and events.
Missions, goals, and objectives: Staying on track and measuring success.

- Personal
- Institutional
- Initiative/Event

- Assessment
- Future success
- Funding
Limits and allowances: essential knowledge!

You have to know what you MUST receive permission for, and what you can apologize for later.
Now that those “ducks are in a row...”

**Let’s provide education, exposure, and access to:

- Elementary aged children
- Middle schoolers
- High Schoolers
- Adult learners & job seekers

**No pressure.
Seedlings Play Day with Southern Vermont College Student Athletic Organization

Goal: Provide exercise and fun activities for after-school program participants along with exposure and engagement with college students.
Goal: Bring 7th grade students to college campuses in Bennington County to learn about different college experiences.
Bennington Financial Reality Fair

Goal: Provide tangible exposure to the correlation between post-secondary education and training and salary/standard of living.
“Model Employees” Community Fashion Show

Goal: Provide support, information, and resources for the general public in the areas of professional communication and presentation.
Self-Identify With One of the Following groups as it pertains to Community & College Engagement

- Very comfortable
- Somewhat comfortable
- Not very comfortable/not comfortable at all
Conversations….

- Challenges?
- What works well? What doesn’t work?
- How to improve?
- Etc....

I will ask that someone report back from each group.
Thank you!

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