

Strategies that Support Adult Learners Transition to College

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Non Traditional is the Norm

- 50% over age of 25
- Majority are first generation college-goers.
- 32% ethnic minorities.
- 35% are p/t students

Nationally


- 46% receive some type of financial aid.
- 33% of students in the lowest income bracket are single parents.

National College Transition Network (NCTN)



www.collegetransition.org

Promoting College & Career Readiness




A Nontraditional Student:

- Delays enrollment
- Attends part time
- Works full time while enrolled
- Is financially independent (by financial aid definition)
- Has dependents
- Is a single parent
- Enters college without a traditional high school diploma

Nontraditional Undergraduates, Choy, NCES, 2002

College and Career Readiness Framework



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Personal Supports

- Coaching and support
- Social service referrals and coordination
- Basic needs & screening for benefit eligibility
- Case management
- Housing
- Childcare
- Transportation
- Crisis intervention
- Build self advocacy skills & problem solving skills
- Inspire, facilitate, & support change



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College Navigation Supports

- Financial Aid
- Admissions
- Registrar
- Advising
- Assessment
- Educational program & pathway info
- College culture and expectations
- Proactive communication
- Course and program registration policies



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Career Supports

- Career pathway information
- Career advising
- Labor market data
- Skill & interest inventories
- Occupational profiles
- Career & education planning
- Job search & resume skills
- Employer engagement
- Job/internship placement



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Academic Supports

- Academic support center
- Disability Services
- Study skills support
- Tutor services
- Testing center
- Time management & organization
- Learning styles & strategies



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