SUPPORTING NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

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PURPOSE

• Help adult students and veterans navigate to and through college
• Make it easier for adult students to balance school with work and family
• Reduce the time and money required to graduate by recognizing work and military experience for credit
WHY IT MATTERS

• To meet future workforce needs, Indiana must graduate 200,000 adults not currently in the pipeline
• Graduation rates are 2.5 times higher for students who get credit for prior learning
• Sara – need some help on a stat about veteran’s challenges
INDIANA’S RESPONSE

• State law requires colleges to award credit earned through popular prior learning exams
• A new financial aid program has been created for adult students
• The Commission is part of a multi-state effort to identify ways to better serve our veteran population
KEY QUESTIONS

• What about the traditional college structure makes it difficult for adults to enroll?
• How can a program be designed specifically to meet the needs of adult students?
• What can be done to address the unique challenges of veterans in college?
• What are all the different ways that students can get credit for their work and military experience?
PROVIDING QUALITY LEARNING EXPERIENCES THAT MEET THE HIGHER EDUCATION NEEDS OF NON-TRADITIONAL ADULT LEARNERS

THE HISTORY OF ADULT LEARNING AT IWU:

- MALCOM KNOWLES FOUNDATION
- EARLY EFFORTS IN 1985
- EVOLUTION OF ADULT HIGHER EDUCATION
- EXPANDING COMPETITION
- CURRENT STATUS
- NEW INITIATIVES

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The Veteran Military and Family Resource Center:

- Serves campus and community veterans
- Serves as a leader in veteran relations
- Brings the community to campus
- Gives other students opportunities to learn about veterans through on-campus programs