



## Project Profile: Adult Education Bridge Evaluation

### ILLINOIS ADULT EDUCATION BRIDGE PROVIDERS

#### YEAR 3

Asian Human Services  
Danville Area Community College  
Illinois Central College  
John A. Logan College  
Lake Land College  
Prairie State College  
Southwestern Illinois Community College  
Waubonsee Community College

#### YEAR 2

Black Hawk College  
Heartland College  
Kishwaukee College  
Parkland College  
William Rainey Harper College

#### YEAR 1

College of Lake County  
Elgin Community College  
Jewish Vocational Service  
Kaskaskia College  
Lewis and Clark Community College  
Pui Tak Center  
Rock Valley College  
Township High School District 214  
Shawnee Community College  
Triton Community College

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### Overview

The Adult Education Bridge Evaluation project (2010 – 2012) was designed to evaluate the implementation of Illinois adult education bridge programs by documenting the characteristics of the programs and assessing alignment with Illinois' bridge definition, the nature of partnerships and collaboration, and the extent of challenges encountered. The evaluation also documented emerging and promising practices. Further, methods and measures were developed to assess student outcomes, extending and deepening OCCRL's expertise in bridge program evaluation and connecting this work with Shifting Gears 2.0 ([http://occrillinois.edu/projects/shifting\\_gears](http://occrillinois.edu/projects/shifting_gears)).

### Goals

- Gather data on the implementation characteristics of each program.
- Assess the extent of alignment of the adult bridge implementation with Illinois' bridge definition.
- Determine the nature and depth of involvement of employer or business/industry partners
- Document the extent and nature of challenges encountered and consider implications for expansion of bridge programs
- Document promising practices, including practices requiring policy change at the institutional or state levels.
- Develop methods and measures to assess student outcomes.
- Document factors that contribute to sustainability

### Products

- Evaluation Reports (2010, 2011, 2012)
- Brief Report (2010)
- Adult Education Bridge Programs in Illinois: Project Profiles (2011, 2012)
- State and national presentations
- Report on Sustainability
- Promising Practices in Bridge Program Implementation
- Bridge Program Rubric based on Illinois' bridge definition and additional criteria for local use in planning and implementing bridge programs

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### For more information

Visit [http://occrillinois.edu/projects/adult\\_bridge](http://occrillinois.edu/projects/adult_bridge) for more information and links to the released products.