



JOBSTART for School Completion

What is the level of evidence?

This practice was identified by the Institute of Education Sciences as having potentially positive effects for staying in school. It is labeled by NTACT as a Promising Practice. *More information on NTACT's process for identifying effective practices is available here: [NTACT's Effective Practices](#).*

What is the practice?

JOBSTART is an alternative education and training program designed to improve the economic prospects of young, disadvantaged high school dropouts by increasing educational attainment and developing occupational skills. There are four components of the program: (a) basic academic skills instruction with a focus on GED Preparation, (b) occupational skills training, (c) training-related support services (such as transportation and child-care), and (d) job placement assistance.

Where is the best place to find out how to do this practice?

The What Works Clearinghouse at IES provides this information:
<http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/interventionreport.aspx?sid=248>.

Additional information here: <http://www.jobstart-cawl.org/AboutUs.aspx>.

References used to establish this evidence base:

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