



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

OBJECTIVE: Identify a regional strategy to expand the number of and access to experiential learning opportunities for individuals age 16-24 years old.

OWNER: Experiential Learning Task Force Team

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

KC Social Innovation Center is creating a shared service model for paid work experiences. In 2018, there were 632 youth (age 16-24) connected to paid work experience (summer jobs and internship opportunities) secured through the Hire KC program, supporting 191 unique employers. Connections to paid work is up 20 percent since 2017. There was a strategic choice to focus more on internships. Internship placement increased 98 percent from 2017 to 2018.

KC STEM Alliance is working with 45 school districts, private and charter schools to implement Project Lead the Way (PTLW) project-based curriculum: 130 K-5 schools adopted the Launch curriculum, 66 middle schools are implementing the Gateway curriculum and 70 high schools are implementing the engineering, bioscience or computer science career pathways. In the 2018-2019 academic year, KC STEM Alliance is expected to reach 76,500 students via the PTLW program.

PREP-KC works in six urban school districts to strengthen college and career preparation. In 2018, there has been a concerted effort to expand career academy participation and facilitation of work-based learning through industry informed instruction and virtual exchange. The Connector tool offers 6,052 recorded session for virtual exchange work-based experiences during the school day. There have been 370 users signed up for the Connector. This consists of 39 industry volunteers and 331 teachers from 38 school districts.

115 out-of-school learning providers attended the STEM Summit held Aug. 23 at Kauffman Conference Center. Seventy have created profiles to be featured in the STEM Connect KC online platform that is being established through the ecosSTEM KC initiative led by KC STEM Alliance (<https://www.kcstem.org/about-us/what-we-do/ecosystem-kc-2/>).

NEXT STEPS

Work with a student group to create an infographic to illustrate the collaboration between the various organizations that support the expansion of regional experiential learning opportunities.

Work on a unified branding strategy among core collaborators.

Establish a strategy for technology integration between various platforms, including the Missouri Intern Connect portal scheduled to launch in November.

Establish an MOU between agencies to determine roles and responsibilities.

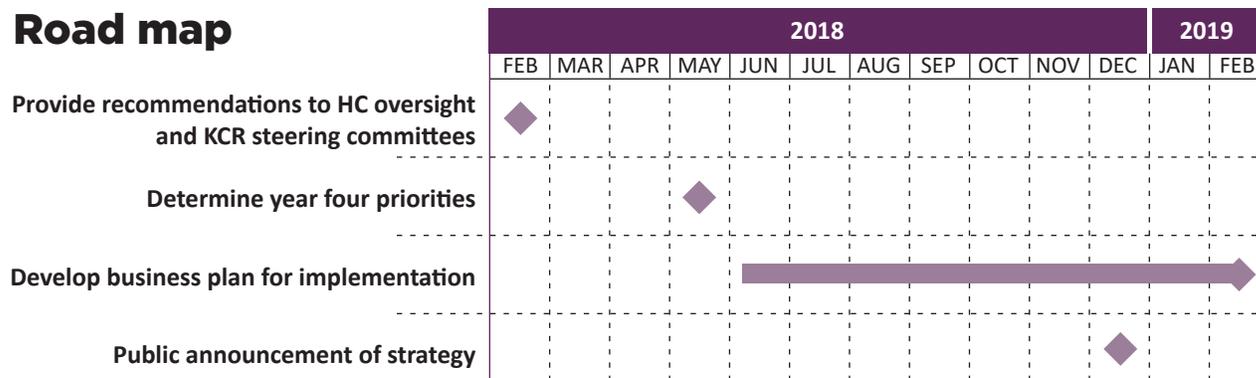
Kansas City's first World of Work week is scheduled for the week of November 5th.

SUSTAINABILITY

Kansas City Social Innovation Center has selected a digital platform (LaunchPath: <https://vimeo.com/113354500>) to facilitate job and internship placement across the region.

PREP-KC is powered by Nepris to facilitate virtual exchange for work-based experiences (<http://www.prepkc.org/connector/>).

Road map



Metrics

- 77,624 students using effective career pathway advice or tools.
- 76,500 students pursuing career pathways, because they used advice or tools.
- 83,552 internships and work-based learning opportunities for students.
- 328 employers engaged in work-based experiences tied to a student's field of study.
- Working toward being able to count long-term outcomes such as the number and percentage of credentials earned, students persisting in postsecondary education and track long-term employment data.