

UPDATE on Proposed NRS Changes – Email to Adult Education providers, January 2011

The proposed changes to the NRS will not go into effect until July 1, 2012. This gives us all a year to get ready for the changes in goal setting. Goal setting will shift from the individual student level and instead will be automatically set for the whole cohort of students who fall into various categories, for example, all Unemployed students and all Employed students. It will also be extremely important to distinguish between Unemployed students and those Not in the Labor Force. Also to be reported as a cohort will be all students who take the GED tests (looking at the pass rate instead of goal setting), and all students who are in specific classes to assist them in transitioning to post-secondary (measuring how many of them enter higher education). We will have time to conduct training on the new changes during the next fiscal year.

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Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to provide you with this update on the progress we have made with regard to the proposed changes to the NRS. In the December Shop Talk conference call, we reported on our efforts to solicit additional comments from the States. Based on the feedback received at the NRS congress and the subsequent written comments from State participants, OVAE has revised the proposed changes to the NRS and will move them forward. As outlined in the NRS issue papers, goal setting will be replaced with automatic cohort identification to define the population of students on which states report the NRS follow-up measures of employment (entry and retention), obtaining a secondary credential, and entry into postsecondary education or training. In addition, new data will be collected and reported on the highest educational level of students and teacher experience and certification.

In consideration of State implementation planning and timelines, OVAE will propose to make these changes effective on **July 1, 2012**. The information collection package is being prepared for submission to the Office of Management and Budget and an announcement will be published in the Federal Register. We will share additional information with you as it becomes available.

I thank you for the leadership you provide in your state and wish you every success in the year ahead.

Best wishes,
Cheryl Keenan