

# Educator Preparation Institutes Implementation Update

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# EPI Functions

1. Professional development for teachers
2. Training for substitute teachers
3. Training for Paraprofessionals
4. Competency-based teacher preparation



# EPI Status Overview

- 14 Community Colleges Fully Approved
- 12 Institutions Provisionally Approved
- 02 Institutions Have Not Yet Applied
- 19 Community Colleges Received SUCCEED, Florida Funding



# SUCCEED, Florida Teaching Grants

- 19 Community Colleges received funding
- 07 SUS and 01 ICUF institutions received funding
- Purpose is to expand the capacity of teacher preparation programs across the state
- DCCWE staff are managing the community college projects



# EPI Technical Assistance

- Workshops held
  - June 7, 2005
  - October 5, 2005
- October 5 topics included
  - Obtaining Teacher Certification Exam Scores
  - Accountability Reporting
  - Amending Federal Financial Aid Agreements



# EPI Strategic Linkages

- Just Read, Florida
  - EPI's using the Florida Online Reading Professional Development (FOR-PD) program
- FACTS.org
  - EPI Career Portfolios added
- Educator Recruitment Development and Retention
  - Website includes EPI options

[www.teachinflorida.com/PreCollegiate/EPI.asp](http://www.teachinflorida.com/PreCollegiate/EPI.asp)



# EPI Student Enrollment

- Fall Semester 2005  
Over 600 students  
enrolled at 14 institutions
- Spring Semester 2006  
Enrollment expected to  
top 1,000 students at 24  
institutions
- Updated projections  
due October 31, 2005



# EPI Accountability Measures

For continued approval, EPI's must submit annual performance evaluations to DOE that measure effectiveness based upon:

- Pass rates of participants on Florida Teacher Certification Exams (General Knowledge, Subject Area, and Professional Knowledge)
- Employment rates
- Longitudinal retention rates
- Employer satisfaction surveys



# EPI Cost Savings

## Collaborative Model for Community College Teacher Preparation

- Being used by 25 of Florida's 28 community colleges (so far)
- Cost savings from efficiencies in
  - Research and Development
  - FACTS.org adaptation
  - Application Approvals
- Total estimated savings  
= \$4,986,800



# EPI Next Steps

- Support colleges with provisional approval to obtain final approval by December, 2005
- Support colleges who have not submitted applications to submit and obtain final approval by May, 2006
- Conduct ongoing, semi-annual technical assistance meetings to assure program quality and accountability

