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Featured Article: Everybody Counts - Preparing Kentucky's Youth for Success

Last week, Christopher Sanders, Deputy Executive Director of the Office of Educational Programs, shared insights about Governor Beshear's "Everybody Counts" initiative, which supports high school seniors in planning their futures.

- □ Career coaches work directly with high school seniors
- □ Currently serving 22 high schools across 5 Kentucky counties
- Each coach impacts approximately 200 students annually
- Program follows students for one year after graduation

💫 The AIM Approach

Sanders emphasized his core philosophy:

- Amplify aptitudes
- Ignite interests
- Motivate movement

- 1. Financial literacy
- 2. Time management
- 3. Well-being/self-care
- 4. Lifelong skill development

Program Impact

- Connected with 2,500 seniors last year
- Doubled coaching staff this year
- Already reached 4,500 students halfway through current year
- Utilizes technology including virtual reality for career exploration

S Community Involvement

The initiative seeks partnership opportunities with:

- Local businesses
- Area development districts
- Workforce boards
- Community organizations like Rotary

The presentation highlighted the critical need for supporting youth transition from high school to career or college, em-

school to career or college, emphasizing personalized attention and practical experience. As Sanders noted, "Everybody Counts is not just a program - it's an initiative for movement and action."











