

ANSWERS

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ANSWERS – Alaska Navigator: Statewide Workforce and Education-Related Statistics

Mission: Deliver outcomes information to Alaska stakeholders to assess, evaluate and improve the state's education and career development spectrum.

Purpose: ANSWERS will be utilized as a resource for partner organizations to produce outcome reports relevant to critical education and workforce programs in a secure and cost effective manner.

Why is ANSWERS needed?

- ★ ANSWERS will provide a more secure method for transporting and storing existing data.
- ★ ANSWERS will lower the current cost to access and analyze information.
- ★ ANSWERS combines multiple processes into a highly-secure, efficient, and automated process.

ANSWERS Project Overview

- ★ Federal grant - \$4 million over four years (July 2012 to June 2016) Originally three-year project; received one-year no cost extension
- ★ Project to link existing State of Alaska K-12, postsecondary and workforce data for use in developing Alaska-specific analyses of education program outcomes

ANSWERS Project Outcomes

- ★ Established and implemented governance structure
- ★ Sustainability plan created
- ★ Development of training in final stages
- ★ Development of ANSWERS software to be completed by June 30, 2016 as a requirement of receiving federal funding

ANSWERS Program Implementation and Sustainability Plan

Due to a lack of legislative priority, the previous ANSWERS sustainability model post-fiscal year 2016 is no longer viable. Rather than implement ANSWERS as a statewide resource providing education and workforce information to researchers and external parties, the four ANSWERS partner organizations will deploy ANSWERS as a shared internal partner resource, with the goal of using ANSWERS as a tool to analyze and evaluate outcomes of partner programs and services.



ANSWERS is a collaboration of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, University of Alaska, Alaska Department of Education & Early Development, and Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development.

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