

# Empowering Colorado's Workforce

## THE CHALLENGE



72,000  
CO young adults not  
attending high school



324,000  
CO adults without a  
high school diploma



Combined, that's more CO dropouts than people living in Aurora.

Dropouts



Aurora



Fort Collins



**\$244  
Billion**

## THE COST



## THE NEED



## Workforce Diploma Program

**1,000  
seats**

Participants...



...are supported by...

complete two quarter credits each month to maintain eligibility

focus on academic, vocational and job-ready skills that Colorado mid-skill employers demand

earn an accredited high school diploma

tutors available 24x7

highly qualified teachers for every course

academic coach monitors pace and progress and coordinates academic resources

local advocates monitor life issues, help develop life skills and connects to social services

technical support for program-provided laptops and 3G/4G access



## THE RESULTS



Participants complete coursework, employer-required post-secondary training and skill development, earn a high school diploma, and are placed in one of...

**240,000** currently unfilled or soon-to-be created mid-skill jobs.

Benefit to the state:



**\$617 Million**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Skills Coalition, and Center for Effective Analysis of Interventions that Improve High School Completion.