



Switching Away from the 20th Century

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Overview of Presentation

- ❖ Career Switcher program
- ❖ Award of federal grant
- ❖ Preparing To Teach program
- ❖ A dialog with you 😊



Career Switcher program

Virginia's route to alternative
licensure

Regent applied to be a provider in
2003; first (3) Switchers enrolled
FA04



Federal grant award

- ◆ Transition To Teaching grant awarded 2007 in partnership with Norfolk Public Schools
- ◆ \$1.25 million over 5 years
- ◆ Marketing initiatives
- ◆ Retention bonuses

Effects of grant award.....

- ◆ 2004/5 17 Switchers enrolled
- ◆ 2005/6 40 enrolled
- ◆ 2006/7 49 enrolled
- ◆ 2007/8 54 enrolled

Grant awarded

- ◆ 2008/9 82 enrolled
- ◆ 2009/10 (to date) 92 Switchers enrolled





Going online for the 21st century

- ◆ Overcoming the Luddites
- ◆ Persuading the Department of Education
- ◆ Designing courses
- ◆ Implementation



Online Pros and Cons

- ❖ Great for working professionals....and stay-at-home parents
- ❖ Cool for military serving afloat or overseas
- ❖ Reaches out to whole of Virginia

- ◆ A virtual not a real classroom
- ◆ The eyeball effect

Preparing To Teach

- ◆ 6 online courses:
 - ❖ Foundations
 - ❖ Child & Adolescent Growth
 - ❖ Curriculum Development
 - ❖ Teaching Effectively
 - ❖ Assessing Learning
 - ❖ Classroom Management



The customers....

In any of the United States (except VA):

Professionals transitioning into teaching
(who will need to check out local licensure
regulations)

Teachers who need one or more Professional
Development courses for licensure



More Customers....

In any country outside of the United States:

- ◆ Principles of teaching are universal
- ◆ The 6 online courses can be adapted for local requirements
- ◆ Kenyan initiative





A Dialog with you... 😊

- ◆ Do you offer teacher preparation courses online?
- ◆ Have you had experience offering courses in different states and / or different nations?



Keep in contact....

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