



2021 Outstanding Administrator of the Year Konnie McCollum

Konnie McCollum, adult education director at River Resources, has been named Outstanding Administrator of the Year.

Six years ago, Konnie joined River Resources, an organization that serves 12 counties in southeastern and central Indiana. She has implemented unique programming geared toward helping adult education students complete career pathway training. Her innovation and creativity have increased measurable skills gains throughout the service area.

“Konnie has never turned down a request to assist the state of Indiana, and is willing to try innovative ideas that may fail; If they fail, she learns from the experience. Most often her experimental ideas succeed beyond expectations,” said Jennifer Montgomery, Indiana Adult Education Coordinator.

A key accomplishment is the co-development of a reentry program for the Indiana Department of Corrections. Called the Madison Model, the program allows incarcerated women to earn college credits and certifications and gain employment training skills. Since its inception in 2016, more than 500 women have successfully earned more than 800 industry-recognized certifications.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Konnie has continued to work aggressively to bring virtual adult education to her mostly rural service area, including Integrated Education and Technology programs.

Konnie has over 20 years' experience in adult education. Prior to River Valley Resources, she was the program coordinator and facilitator for RVR's Rural Works program, which provides free lifetime career coaching and support services, from applying for a job to networking. She has worked as an adjunct professor for Ivy Tech Community College teaching English to adult students. Ms. McCollum holds a master's degree in adult education from Indiana University.