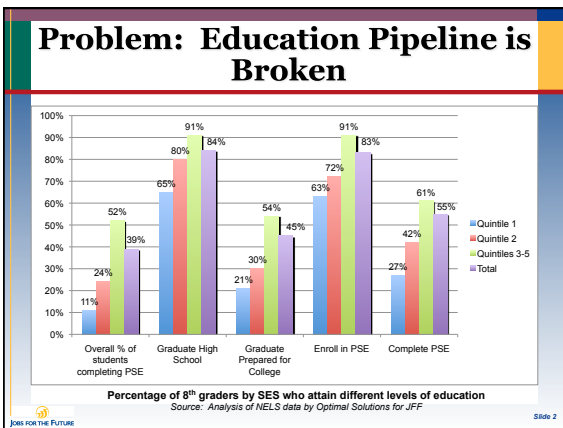




State and Federal Role in Implementation of Alternative Education and Dropout Prevention & Recovery Policies

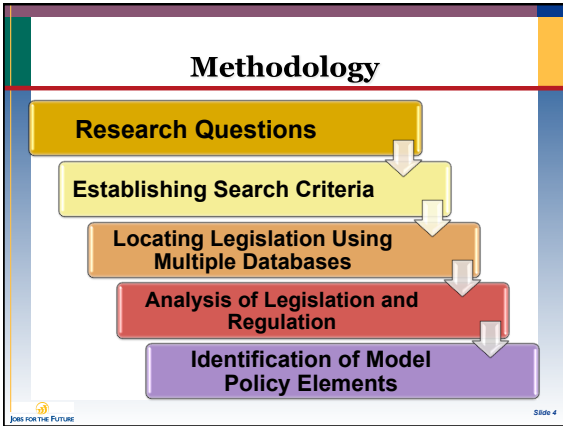
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Why Now?

- Obama Administration focus on dropouts
- US competitive position in global economy depends on raising graduation rate
- More known than ever before about what works to prevent and recover dropouts
- Recent state activity to raise graduation rate and reduce dropout rate



- ## Alternative Education: Model Policy Elements
- **Broader Eligibility**
Normalize alt ed by expanding eligibility to all struggling students, not just disruptive ones
 - **Clearer Guidelines**
Establish state oversight while retaining local authority
 - **Accountability for Results**
Hold schools to common standards but acknowledge progress.
 - **Enriched Funding**
Recognize that alternative programs must accomplish more in less time
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- ## Model Elements (cont.)
- **High Quality Teachers**
Build a cadre of teachers skilled in content, pedagogy, and youth development
 - **Enhanced Support Services**
Require and help schools to provide student supports through partnerships with cbo's and city agencies
 - **Innovation**
Lead invention and spread of recuperative models tailored to how close/far students are from graduation
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Alternative Education Policy: Key Findings

- New/revised policies in 33 states since '02
- Signs of Progress: broader eligibility, clearer guidelines, more accountability, funding, and support services
- Major Challenges: high quality teachers and innovation

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Summary of 50 State Scan

Model Elements	Number of States Moving Towards
Broader Eligibility	14
Clearer Guidelines	16
Accountability for Results	10
Enriched Funding	15
High Quality Teachers	2
Enhanced Support Services	13
Support for Innovation	

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Dropout Legislation: Model Policy Elements

- Counting and Accounting for Dropouts
Set public goals for improving grad rate and measure using cohort methodology
- Using Graduation and On-Track Rates as Trigger for Reform and Reinvention
Help struggling districts undertake whole school reforms and develop new recuperative options
- Reinforcing the Entitlement to Education
Ensure schools deliver free public education through graduation or 21

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Model Elements (Cont.)

- Accelerating Preparation for PSE
Explicitly target under-represented, at-risk students for accelerated learning
- Inventing New Models
Lead the invention and spread of recuperative models

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Dropout Policy: Key Findings

- New legislation in 34 states since '02
- Signs of Progress: Accountability, reinforcing the entitlement to public education, and acceleration
- Major Challenges: Using graduation and on-track rates as trigger for reinvention, and inventing new models

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Summary of 34 State Scan

Model Elements	Number of States Moving Towards
Counting and Accounting for Dropouts (NGA Rate)	15
Using Graduation and On-Track Rates as Trigger for Reform/Reinvention	18
...Targeted interventions	4
...Reinvention	
Reinforcing Entitlement to Education	21
Accelerating Preparation for PostSec	14
Inventing New Models	2

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Concluding Thoughts...

- Alternative education and dropout policies are important policy levers in addressing dropout crisis.
- While a number of states are moving towards better policy, no state as yet has a comprehensive policy set.



Role for state-led, federally supported reinvention and innovation.
