

## **CONTRACT ACADEMIES: THE ULTIMATE ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR URBAN COMMUNITIES AND AT-RISK TEENAGERS!**

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**The economic downturn provides a fantastic opportunity to create adult jobs while addressing the pandemic school drop out crisis among urban, fatherless teenagers.** Entrepreneur-based academic contracts are the ultimate economic stimulus package for urban communities. Four models in Texas have proven that application of contract educational services is good business for the Lone Star state. Not only have the contract academy models recovered student drop outs, the **schools have created employment for dozens of adults** who want to work with youth, but don't fit comfortably in traditional public school settings.

Paradigm Alternative Centers (PAC), located in Early, Texas, enables business-minded educational entrepreneurs and visionary, forward thinking, **public school boards to put their communities back to work** while recovering discouraged teenagers who have given up on completing high school in the traditional public school setting. **The six community benefits of combining public education with local business practices are worth consideration:** (1) The local public school reduces its drop out burden while raising its graduation percentage; (2) at-risk high school students (especially fatherless teens) who need access to free education can attend the contract academy while holding part time jobs to help support their single-parent homes; (3) local, skilled but unemployed or retired **adults can go back to work as administrators, teachers, aides or secretaries;** (4) Fatherless/father-challenged youth can access quality academics while being mentored in career enhancement and positive life styles; (5) motivated, but under-performing, high school students can accelerate studies to accommodate early graduation goals; and (6) currently **vacant buildings can start generating tax revenue for the local school district and community.**

A team of Texas and Indiana educators, parents, law enforcement officers, pastors, and businessmen have carved out a successful model that can be replicated in any urban community in as few as 22 work days after the local school board approves a contract and the fire marshal certifies an occupancy permit. Paradigm Alternative Centers provides training and a step-by-step **Campus Operations Manual** (1300 pages with such items as office forms, budget planner, purchase orders and policies, sample contracts, curriculum syllabus, learning center procedures and forms, graduation requirements, transcripts, report cards, character development, and much more). The original model contract academy was listed by *USA Today* among America's top 58 effective programs for recovering at-risk youth! The director was listed as a Texas Entrepreneur Hero by The Center For Educational Reform. Amazingly, administrator **training** and the **Campus Operations Manual are absolutely FREE** to communities that set up a Paradigm Contract Recovery Academy! For more information check [www.pacworks.com](http://www.pacworks.com) or correspond at [Learn@pacworks.com](mailto:Learn@pacworks.com).