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KCADV partnership with KCTCS wins Art of Collaboration award

Frankfort, Ky. (October 6, 2015) – KCADV is proud to announce recognition by the Center for Nonprofit Excellence, earning the Center's 2015 Pyramid Award for the Art of Excellence in Collaboration. This award comes to KCADV's Economic Empowerment Project for its partnership with the Kentucky Community and Technical College System's Ready-to-Work program. Through this partnership, KCADV offers Economic Empowerment services to KCTCS Ready-to-Work (RTW) students, who are TANF recipients and work part-time on campus. Access to matched savings accounts (IDAs) helps students pay for college and reduce student loan debt. RTW students also attend financial education workshops, receive credit counseling, and can access KCADV's micro-loan program. Additionally, KCADV staff provide RTW Coordinators with economic empowerment and domestic violence training.

The project serves as a retention strategy for KCTCS and allows KCADV to create broader awareness about domestic violence services at our member programs. The project's program evaluation suggests that nearly two-thirds of RTW students report experiences with domestic violence. Full results of the evaluation will be available Fall 2016.

The project is funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and the FINRA Foundation. KCADV was recognized at the 15th Annual Nonprofit Leadership Conference in Louisville.

