

# Academic & Workforce Development Programs

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# We Should Keep the Main Thing, The Main Thing

## ■ The Great Recession (2007-10)

- HS Diploma or Less      Lost 5.6 million jobs
- Some College or AA      Lost 1.75 million jobs
- BA or More      Gained 187,000 jobs

## ■ The American Recovery (2010-16)

- HS Diploma or Less      Gained 80,000 jobs
- Some College or AA      Gained 3.1 million jobs
- BA or More      Gained 8.4 million jobs

# What Roles Do We Pick?

- Direct connection to econ dev project
- Private sector demand
- Rural, tobacco-dependent counties

# How Does Golden LEAF Help ?

- “Reduce the burden of government”
- Long-term investments
  - School technology & equipment
  - Community College facilities & equipment
  - Scholarships and Internships

# What Programs Are There?

- Open Grants – statewide eligibility every years – grants up to \$200,000
- Community-Based – regional eligibility each year, grants average \$750,000
- Economic Catalyst – linked to job creation project, no cap on grants

# What Else Is There?

- High interest in PreKindergarten-3
- Collaborations between nonprofits & education entities
- Education workforce & leadership

# Questions?

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