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An Interview with Jodi Ferriell

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Jodi Ferriell, Director of the Capital Area Career Center in Springfield, Illinois, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Education is Key-Alternatives to Education* Oral History project.

Interview dates & location:

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Session 1: Discussion on the Capital Area Career Center

Session 2: CACC curriculum and courses offered

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Jodi Ferriell was born in February 1955 in Urbana, Illinois. At the time of the interview she was the director of the Capital Area Career Center (CACC) in Springfield, Illinois. She has been the Center's director for the past four years. Ms. Ferriell was raised and attended public schools in Decatur, Illinois. She graduated from a Decatur High School and received a bachelor's degree in math education from Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois. She began her professional career teaching high school mathematics in the Decatur public school system. She remained in this position for sixteen years. Ms. Ferriell received her master's degree in Educational Administration from Eastern Illinois University and accepted the director's position for the Heartland Region Education for Employment System (EFE) in Decatur, Illinois. She was their Director for four years before accepting her current position at CACC.

This interview highlights Ms. Ferriell's professional experience as the director and lead administrator of a technical, career education program for students primarily in secondary education, grades 11 and 12. The Capital Area Career Center provides career and technical educational services to eighteen public school systems through seventeen courses and programs in the Springfield, Illinois area. The Center's governing structure includes an executive council comprised of participating school superintendents and a board of control. Ms. Ferriell's responsibilities include leadership and management of a 5.6-million-dollar budget, the certified and noncertified staff, program review/evaluation/improvement, supervision and coordinate for the use of facilities, and communications with participating school districts, parents, and communities served. She discussed the challenges of upgrading and expanding facilities, and also addressed the ongoing need for the curricula to keep abreast with the skills required for a quickly changing economy that meet the demands and expectations of the modern workforce.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Capital Area Career Center, Springfield, Illinois; coursework offered at CACC; CACC Executive Council; CACC Board of Controls; Decatur, Illinois; career educational training; career technical training

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