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An Interview with Jeri Dixon

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Jeri Dixon was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1962. She attended Corliss High School, then attended Olive-Harvey College, where she earned a GED and then an associates degree in 1986. In 1988, she graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Chicago State University. She earned a master of arts degree in adult education at National-Louis University. At the time of the interview she was finishing her doctorate at Northern Illinois University.

Jeri's work experiences include the YMCA of Chicago, Chicago State University, Literacy Chicago, the Illinois Community College Board, Truman College, and now Waubonsee Community College. Since 2009 she has worked at Waubonsee Community College as the Dean of Adult Education. Jeri oversees many state and federal grants, as well as programs involving adult basic education, GED students, literacy programs, youth services, and English as a Second Language learners. Over 1,600 students per semester are involved in these programs.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Waubonsee Community College; English as a Second Language learners; adult basic education programs; GED programs; youth services; strategies to improve retention and academic performance

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