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iNACOL Releases *An Exploration of At-Risk Learners and Online Education*

VIENNA, VA, April 14, 2010 – The International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) is pleased to announce the release of a new Research Committee Issues Brief: *An Exploration of At-Risk Learners and Online Education*.

The purpose of this report is to obtain a better understanding of how online programs support students who have been identified as “at-risk.” The first section, *Strategies for Working with At-Risk Student Populations in Online Environments*, outlines and examines the strategies online programs are implementing successfully with at-risk student populations. The second section, *Trends and Instructional Practices for Teaching At-Risk Students in Virtual Courses*, surveyed online schools to determine the online delivery and design methods that best assist at-risk students.

According to Susan Patrick, President & CEO of iNACOL, “Blended and online learning programs are offering new student-centered school models for a diverse group of kids who are looking for more options. This report highlights how online education is providing solutions to help remediate and accelerate ‘at-risk’ learners and meet their individualized needs. I believe this report is a must-read for education leaders and practitioners to think differently about innovative interventions through online and blended learning for addressing a wide range of student needs, providing guidance, and helping to change the landscape of education for all learners.”

Authors of iNACOL’s new publication will be presenting their recommendations in addressing the needs of at-risk learners in a live webinar April 14th. Please visit <http://www.inacol.org/events/webinar/> for details. Press may attend by contacting iNACOL’s Associate Director of Communications Wendy Fleming (wffleming@inacol.org).

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