SUCCESS CENTER FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Purpose

The Success Center serves as a collaborative hub that promotes the sharing and adoption of effective practices and strategic policies for implementing the Vision for Success, the guiding goals and commitments of the California Community College system centered on the current and future needs of Californians.

Policy development and research, professional development, and special projects help drive the California Community College system toward improved outcomes and efficiencies in support of student success.

Policy and Research

The Success Center facilitated the development of the Vision for Success and shapes its implementation through policy and research. Through policy and data analysis, the Success Center helps inform and influence state-level policy changes related to student success, supporting the establishment of the student-centered funding formula, the online college, developmental education and placement reform, apportionment for tutoring, and identifying ways to measure and report progress on the Vision for Success.

Featured Projects

Launched in fall 2014 with funding from the Kresge Foundation, the Success Center supports the implementation of several projects:

- **The Vision Resource Center** is an online learning platform designed to help colleges meet system goals by providing a comprehensive library of professional development resources. Through enhancements launched in 2018, community college faculty, staff, administrators, and trustees can collaborate across institutions and join a shared learning environment and communities of practice.

- **The Credit for Prior Learning Initiative** works to support and develop the infrastructure and resources needed to improve credit for prior learning in the California Community Colleges by awarding credit to college students for the skills and knowledge they acquire outside of a classroom. This can be a valuable strategy in helping community colleges serve their non-traditional students, increase degree completion and decrease time to completion, and meet California’s projected workforce demand.

- **Policy and Practice Convening** is an opportunity for researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to build relationships and catalyze actionable research that benefits the community colleges.

National Connection

To share promising practices and lessons learned from implementation of student success reforms, the Success Center participates in a national network of Student Success Centers located in 15 states and managed by Jobs for the Future.

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