



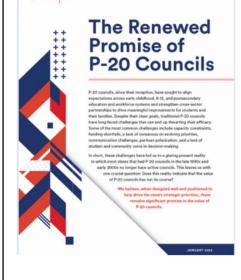
#### **Commonwealth** Education Continuum (CEC)

Formed out of the moral imperative to strengthen the education pipeline, the CEC is co-chaired by Lt. Gov. Coleman, Pres. Thompson and the Commissioner, and consists of 28 members ranging from early childhood to the workforce.

- **Purpose:** The CEC seeks to improve actions to ensure students can equitably earn the necessary degrees and credentials to enter the workforce successfully.
- **Annual Objective**: Develop and execute a specific plan to activate the biggest levers for increasing successful student transitions into postsecondary.

#### National Recognition for the CEC

#### ESG Maration



As state leaders undoubtedly continue to seek strategies to drive improvement in their state's educational and economic realities, enhanced P-20 collaboration cannot be overlooked as a primary vehicle for improving educational attainment and economic mobility for all.

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#### **Removing Silos and Strengthening the Education Pipeline**

Through collaborative efforts, the CEC has helped to influence change in the following areas:

- Dual Credit
- Summer Bridge Programs
- FAFSA completion
- · College and Career Advising
- · First year postsecondary success: Academic and Basic Needs
- Educator Recruitment and Retention
- · Transition to the workforce and work-based learning opportunities



### Kentucky Launch: Equitable and Accelerated Career Pathways for All



### **Overview**

Launch: Equitable & Accelerated Pathways for All is a national college and career pathways initiative that strives for every learner to have access to and succeed in high-quality and equitable pathways.

We will do so by:

- · Driving a national agenda for college and career pathways
- Working with state and local partnerships to advance equitable growth and scaling of pathways by tackling entrenched inequities in education and workforce systems
- Advancing pathways policies and strategies that help achieve greater scale and sustainability
- Seeding and growing next-generation models that will transform career pathways systems and dismantle entrenched barriers that perpetuate inequities in economic advancement

## The case for building equitable pathways

#### When done right, college and career pathways:

- Provide intentional, career-aligned courses that span secondary and postsecondary education;
- Embed meaningful work-based learning experiences; and
- · Lead to credentials of value.

#### The challenge:

- Gaps in access, quality and outcomes for learner groups particularly Black and Latinx learners and learners experiencing poverty - persist
- · Too few learners are earning credentials of value
- Too many learners do not finish their pathways and take on hardto-pay debt

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## **The Launch Network**

# The Cohorts

Launch is supporting two distinct cohorts, each comprised of state and regional partners from across 11 states:

- State education and workforce agencies
- · K-12 districts
- · Postsecondary institutions
- Intermediary partners

Impact Cohort Site Innovation Cohort Site Dual Cohort Site

Working to elevate the levers that drive systems change – **data**, **policy**, **funding**, **partnerships**, **and equity** – and help state and local sites create **equitable**, **sustainable systems** that are built to last.

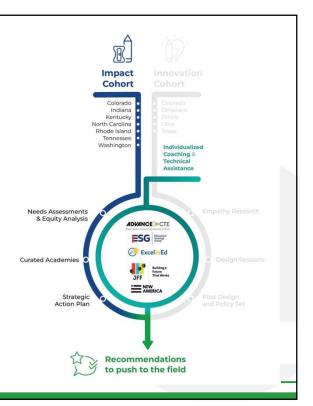
# **Impact Cohort**

Seven geographically diverse teams selected because of their:

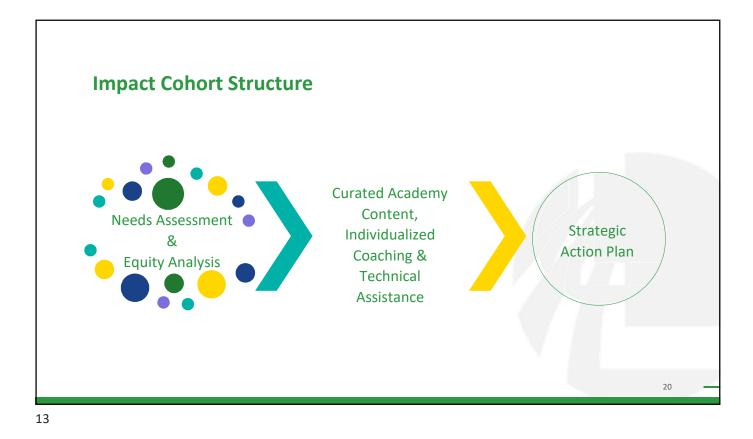
- Foundational work in creating pathways and enabling conditions that have built connections between K-12 schools, postsecondary institutions, and employers
- Shared commitment to ensuring every learner will earn the credentials needed to be fully employed and engaged in their communities

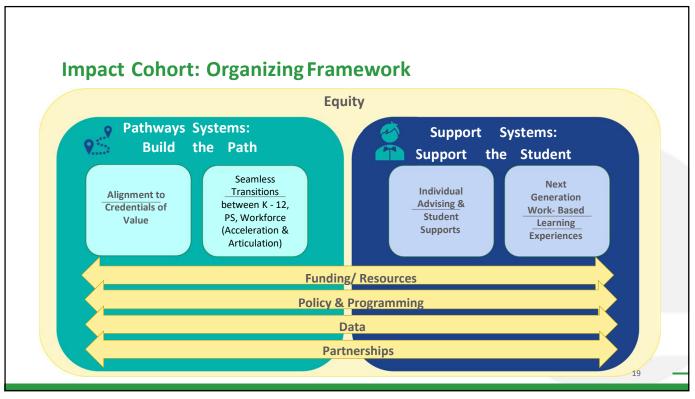
#### **Impact Cohort Sites will:**

- Undertake a three-month needs assessment
- Perform an equity scan
- · Participate in four content-specific academies
- · Develop a state-specific strategic action plan



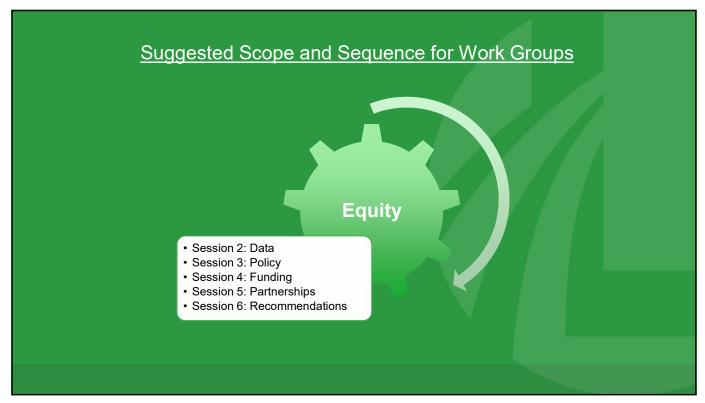
## Kentucky's Scope & Timeline





Kentucky's Launch Work Groups		
Alignment to Credentials of Value	Deputy Secretary Beth Brinly, Chair KY Education and Labor Cabinet	Key Levers
Seamless Transitions Between K12, Postsecondary and Workforce	Tom Thompson, Chair KY Department of Education	Policy & Programming
Individualized Advising and Career Navigation Supports	Mitzi Holland, Chair KY Council on Postsecondary Education	Partnerships
Next Generation Work-Based Learning Experiences	Regan Satterwhite, Chair KY Department of Education	Resources Data





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