



# The Kentucky Student Success Collaborative



The Collaborative is an initiative of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE). It launched in October 2021 with the mission to build capacity of higher education partners to accelerate progress on student success. Toward that aim, we facilitate:

Frequent Campus Engagement

Institutional Transformation Assessments

Technical Assistance

Communities of Practice

Continuous Improvement Cycles

Peer Coaching

Student Success Institutes

The activities of the Collaborative are designed to advance the Kentucky Student Success Pathways.

## Kentucky Student Success Pathways

- \* Pathways provide a coherent, comprehensive, and holistic approach to improving degree completion, closing equity gaps, and strengthening career transitions for students.
- \* The framework was developed based on national models for guided pathways and customized to best serve student and campus needs within our unique context in Kentucky.
- \* All CPE initiatives are mapped to the framework and allow campuses to see how initiatives reinforce and connect to one another by design.

Connect the Path	Chart the Path	Continue the Path	Complete the Path
Strengthen partnerships with high schools, employers, and other colleges to enhance enrollment pathways	Create clear academic pathways with strong early onboarding and career exploration and planning	Provide wraparound services to ensure students stay on track and receive support when barriers arise	Evaluate learning outcomes and essential skills of every graduate and enhance career transition support

Additional Funds supporting KYSSC Projects

**\$500,000**  
Lumina Foundation

**\$126,000**  
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

**\$100,000**  
Lumina Foundation

**\$10,000**  
National Association of System Heads

**\$736,000 in Year 1**

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<b>22</b>	CONNECT	<b>Summer Bridge – Community of Practice.</b> Campuses received grants to strengthen summer bridge programming for thousands of students and meet regularly to discuss best practices, challenges, and lessons learned.
<b>2</b>	CONNECT	<b>National Association of System Heads (NASH) – Transfer Improvement Community.</b> A community college is partnering with a neighboring university to strengthen their partnership and participate in rapid improvement cycles to enhance communication and streamline processes for transfer students.
<b>16</b>	CONNECT	<b>Transfer Strategy Convening.</b> KYSSC, working with Sova, facilitated a discussion of priorities, best practices, and persistent challenges for student transfer to inform statewide transfer strategy development and implementation.
<b>9</b>	CHART	<b>Complete College America (CCA)– Purpose First Initiative.</b> KYSSC partnered with CCA to provide technical assistance related to the first-year experience with embedded career exploration to ensure strong academic fit and career planning.

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9	CHART	<b>Jobs for the Future (JFF) – Network Demonstration Project.</b> KYSSC partnered with JFF to provide technical assistance on 1) guided pathways early onboarding to strengthen orientation and advising within participating community colleges and 2) information technology audit to better leverage student success platforms at participating universities.
8	CHART	<b>College Algebra Success Project – Community of Practice.</b> Community college math faculty leverage Pearson Math Lab data analytics to provide proactive outreach for academic and nonacademic supports.
14	CHART	<b>Co-requisite Education – Community of Practice.</b> Campus leads discuss success strategies, persistent challenges, and identify opportunities for collaboration and continuous improvement.
6	CONTINUE	<b>Student Basic Needs – Community of Practice.</b> KYSSC partnered with CCA to offer five webinars with national leaders focused on student basic needs. Following the professional development, campus teams created action plans for improving student basic needs services and implemented change over a 90-day continuous improvement cycle.
9	CONTINUE	<b>Lumina Equity Audit – Student Basic Needs.</b> KYSSC is working with faculty researchers to conduct asset mapping of basic needs resources, interview program administrators, and lead focus groups with students to identify opportunities to strengthen basic needs services. KYSSC will convene a statewide Basic Needs Action Network to develop a state strategy for student basic needs security.

### Highlights of Early Impact

Convened a national thought partner advisory group to provide insight and guidance as new strategies, initiatives, and approaches are developed through the Collaborative.

Launched the Impact exChange, a virtual knowledge and resource hub. Since April 2022, 186 active members joined the community (membership not required to access resources), 607 resources posted, and 1,408 resources viewed. [Tinyurl.com/kyimpactexchange](https://tinyurl.com/kyimpactexchange)

Planned the 2022 Student Success Summit with 400 conference attendees and rolled out the Kentucky Student Success Pathways framework with national thought leaders and campus workshops on priority issues.

Administered the Institutional Transformation Assessment with nine campuses and facilitated deep conversations around data to better understand strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for improvement. Common priorities for student success emerged that led to technical assistance services provided to campuses.

After participating in the Student Basic Needs Community of Practice, a university embraced the continuous improvement approach and self-facilitated a second 90-day cycle to build momentum on a campus project focused on student basic needs.

Developed a strategic plan to guide priority work and process for next few years with support from Sova, the implementation partner of the KYSSC.

KCTCS reached out to KYSSC to collaborate on a \$1M federal grant proposal to increase access to SNAP benefits for students. Grant was successfully submitted in partnership with KYSSC, KCTCS, Family Scholar House, Department of Community-based Services, and KYSTATS. Grant status TBD.

A university reached out to KYSSC to provide resources and insights on disaster response for student success after Eastern Kentucky flooding. KYSSC hosted a webinar with Florida International University and Louisiana Monroe University leaders to share resources and insights.

KYSSC engaged with KCTCS to align student success framework and approach for community colleges and universities. KCTCS and university partners will join the Student Success Pathways Guiding Team to identify priority issues and support needed for implementation at scale.

KYSSC was invited by HCM Strategies to join National Strategy Lab on Student Basic Needs to focus on partnership development between campus and community SNAP providers to strengthen enrollment pipelines and benefits support for students.

### Collaboration leads to innovation in student success.



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