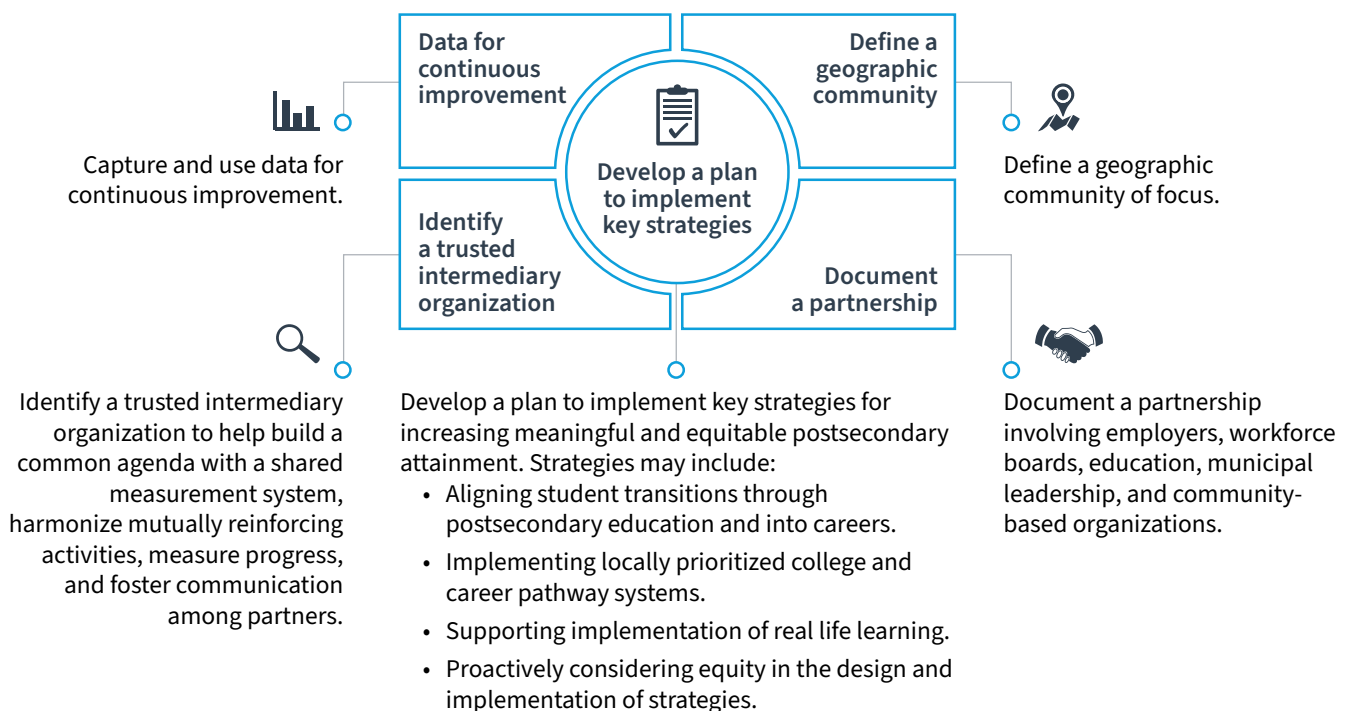


Executive Summary

Launched in 2013, the Illinois Education and Career Success Network supports communities across the state to increase meaningful and equitable postsecondary attainment. In Illinois, 70 percent (4,168,000) of jobs will require postsecondary training beyond high school in 2031.¹ As of 2024, 58.1% of Illinois adults have a high-quality postsecondary college or career credential—a significant increase from 43% in 2013, when the Network was established.² The Success Network (formerly the Illinois 60 by 25 Network) is organized by Advance Illinois, Education Systems Center at Northern Illinois University, and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. Learn more at ILSuccessNetwork.org.

Leadership Community Designation

Communities with systems in place to drive meaningful and equitable postsecondary attainment are eligible for recognition as Success Network Leadership Communities. They engage in peer-to-peer learning and must meet the following criteria:



CURRENT LEADERSHIP COMMUNITIES

- Aurora Regional Pathways to Prosperity
- Black Hawk Region Pathways
- Boone County
- Chicago Public Schools
- Chicago Southland Collaborative for Education
- East St Louis School District 189
- Enlace Chicago
- Evanston
- Greater Peoria Pathways
- Highland Region Pathways to Success
- Lake County
- McLean County
- MORE / Mississippi and Rock River Regions
- NCI / Starved Rock Region
- Northwest Educational Council for Student Success (NECSS)
- Rockford Public Schools District 205
- Sangamon County Continuum of Learning
- Southern Illinois Region
- Vandalia ONE
- Vermilion County

¹ State Report - After Everything: Projections of Jobs, Education, and Training Requirements through 2031 (2023). Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce.

² Educational Attainment in Illinois (2024). Lumina Foundation.

Working to Increase Meaningful and Equitable Postsecondary Attainment

The Success Network seeks to:

1. Drive state policy implementation relating to education and career attainment.
2. Deepen and validate cross-sector collaboration through collective impact.
3. Enhance leadership and governance structures within Illinois communities.
4. Build local capacity to develop and scale education and career initiatives by promoting best practices, creating accountability, and increasing community-level data capacity.
5. Inform state policy based on community-level efforts.

The Success Network supports Leadership Communities by:

1. Fostering the sharing of best practices and peer-to-peer learning.
2. Providing technical assistance on collective impact and strategies to advance postsecondary attainment.
3. Gathering and curating critical data.
4. Serving as a conduit for financial support to build local capacity through innovation grants.
5. Convening an annual conference and regional meetings to support community engagement, data review, and action planning.

SUCCESS NETWORK DASHBOARDS FEATURES

- Views include 9th grade on track, early college coursework, CTE, high school graduation rates, postsecondary enrollment, and community college remediation.
- Explore at ILSuccessNetwork.org/dashboard.

