Illinois’ Postsecondary Attainment Goal

The Illinois P-20 Council has set a goal to ensure that 60% of all Illinois adults have a high-quality college degree or postsecondary credential by 2025.

Right now, Illinois is at 57.1%.
Network Organizers

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Our Goal

To support communities to increase meaningful and equitable postsecondary attainment
Aurora Regional Pathways to Prosperity
Black Hawk Region Pathways
Boone County
Chicago Public Schools
East St. Louis D189
Enlace Chicago
Evanston
Greater Peoria Pathways
Lake County
MORE in the Mississippi and Rock River Region
McLean County
NCI/Starved Rock Region
Northwest Educational Council for Student Success (NECSS)
OAI/Rich Township District 227
Rockford
Sangamon County Continuum of Learning
Southern Illinois Region
Vandalia ONE
Vermilion County
Leadership Community Expectations

Documented partnership must include:

- Education
- Employers
- Community-based organizations
- Municipal leadership

Data for continuous improvement

Define a geographic community

Develop a plan to implement key strategies

Identify a trusted intermediary

Document a partnership
269,770 public high school students are in Leadership Communities, representing 45% of Illinois’ total high school students.
What’s New Since the Last Conference?
TRANSPORTATION-RELATED BARRIERS IMPACTING STUDENT ACCESS TO WORK-BASED LEARNING

INITIAL FINDINGS FROM THE SUCCESS NETWORK POLICY COMMITTEE

January 30, 2014

Over the past decade, work-based learning has been a critical strategy in the state’s broader efforts to expand college and career pathways. For millions of youth, this is a fundamental component of the College and Career Pathway Endorsement (CPE) system established in the 2010 Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness (PWR) Act. The CPE has also been incorporated into the Every Student Succeeds Act Plan and Perkins V Plan in a new form in 2020. This makes new tools and incentives for辽宁省 students, particularly those in comprehensive programs such as the Illinois Work-Based Learning Innovation Network (ILIN) and other efforts to scale work-based learning in a key career awareness and preparation activity.

As a result of these ongoing efforts to develop and scale work-based learning for millions of youth, policymakers and practitioners have engaged in conversations about barriers impacting student access to work-based learning. While there are many barriers to scaling and ensuring student access to work-based learning, practitioners highlight the critical barriers to transportation for millions of youth. This report provides an overview of these challenges and potential solutions to address transportation-related barriers to work-based learning for millions of youth.
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Impact Report Highlights
Key Takeaways

- Leadership Communities **drive policy implementation**
- The Success Network is an important **community of practice**
- Collective impact strengthens **collaboration**
- Leadership Communities **advance equitable practices**
- Leadership Communities grapple with **challenges**
- Leadership Communities **drive positive outcomes** for students
Leadership Communities Drive Policy Implementation

Class of 2022
- Illinois: 501
- Success Network: 596

Class of 2023
- Illinois: 727
- Success Network: 1,072

College & Career Pathway Endorsements Awarded

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Collective Impact Strengthens Collaboration Across Sectors

“Collective impact has been the key to the success of the NECSS region because it allows us to leverage resources and people.”

Nancy Awdziejczk, NECSS

“With collective impact, you can accomplish so much more because the lines of communication are open. It doesn’t make sense to do it any other way.”

Kris Noble, MORE
Leadership Communities Are Advancing Equity

- Including youth voices
- Shifting the burden from students to the system
Celebrating Student Outcomes
Declining Remediation Rates

Math Remediation

Reading Remediation

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Financial Aid Applications

Seniors Starting Financial Aid

- Illinois: 71.4%
- Success Network: 74.4%

Seniors Completing Financial Aid

- Illinois: 69.3%
- Success Network: 72.4%
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Implications for the Network Moving Forward
• Lift up equitable policies and practices
• Center student voice
• Strengthen data capacity
• Align policy and practice
• Seek funding to better support intermediaries
• Organize convenings
• Encourage state agencies and partners to utilize the Network as a key partner
Advice from Leadership Communities

“Join the Network and take advantage of every opportunity to grow and use the resources the Network provides.”

Dr. Darryl Hogue, MORE

“If you’re considering becoming a Leadership Community do it! You’ll be able to share resources and learn from other communities...so you won’t have to start from scratch.”

Bridget French, Rockford

“Find something like the PaCE Framework that unifies people in the community and use it as your organizing tool to bring different stakeholders to the table.”

Beth Crider, Greater Peoria Region
Download the Impact Report

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Looking Ahead: Spring Webinars

March 19, 10–11 a.m.
Nurturing Future Talent: School and Nonprofit Collaboration to Provide Work-Based Learning Opportunities for High School Students

April 23, 10–11 a.m.
Supporting and Scaling Postsecondary Readiness through Stakeholder Engagement + Continuous Improvement

April 29, 1–2:15 p.m.
The AI-Ready Workforce: How AI Will Transform Jobs That Offer Pathways to Economic Advancement

Register now at ILSuccessNetwork.org/events
Equitable Outcomes, Powered by Regions

Presented by: Kenyatta Lovett, Ph.D.
The State Context
Progress Beyond the National Attainment Goal

- Lumina Goal: 60% by 2025
- Illinois Goal: 60% by 2025
- Current Progress for the Nation: 38.1% (2009) to 54.3% (2022)
- Current Progress for Illinois: 41.4% (2009) to 57.1% (2022)

**The Illinois Distinction:** Back in 2009, the Illinois P-20 Council established a goal for Illinois to increase the number of adults with college degrees and high-quality postsecondary credentials to 60 percent by 2025.
The Dynamic Between Averages and Equity

Current Range by County: 17.1% and 61.7%
Low Attainment Populations and the Implications

Current Range by Race/Ethnicity: 23.6% and 76.1%

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Valid Questions to Ask About Improving Attainment

1. Had it not been for setting a goal for attainment in Illinois, what would be different today?
2. In service to what?
3. What exactly will be better in my community?
The Significance of the Illinois Journey & Your Role

1. Goals Guide Action
2. Regions Guide Collaboration
3. Enabling Conditions Guide Opportunities for Progress
Questions & Answers

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Thank You