SCALING PATHWAYS THROUGH NETWORKS

*Insights from the Student Success Center Network*

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AGENDA

About JFF
History and Evolution of the Student Success Center Network
SSCN Impact So Far
Benefits of a Network for Scaling and Improving Pathways
Learning and Leading within a Network of Networks
MISSION
JFF is building a society in which everyone has the access, skills, resources, and credentials they need to achieve economic advancement.

To get there, we accelerate the alignment, transformation and reimagination of the American workforce and education systems.

VISION
A society in which economic advancement is accessible to all.
CELEBRATING YOUR SUCCESSES

Leading Guided Pathways implementation in Washington

Driving the emphasis on equity

Testing and refining practices that impact students

Commitment to collecting and using data
THE CHALLENGES COLLEGES FACE TODAY

Most students — particularly historically underserved students — are not reaching their educational and career goals.

Colleges must redesign the educational experience so all students can succeed.

This transformational change requires significant support.
HOW CENTERS HELP COLLEGES AND STUDENTS

Center support community colleges’ efforts to develop student-centered pathways and increase student completion rates

- Provide Coherence
- Connect Policy and Practice
- Convene
- Improve Data Capacity
- Promote Research and Knowledge Development
THE STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER NETWORK

A DECADE OF EXPANSION

Arkansas
Michigan
Ohio
Texas
California
Connecticut
New Jersey
Wisconsin
Hawaii
New York
North Carolina
Oregon
Virginia
Florida
Arizona
THE REACH OF THE STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER NETWORK

**THE REACH of Student Success Centers**

16 Student Success Centers

- **52%** of U.S. public community colleges

**Colleges served by Student Success Centers enroll:**

- **68%** of U.S. community college students
- **78%** of students of color at U.S. community colleges
- **58%** of Pell Grant recipients at U.S. community colleges

Source: 2016-17 IPEDS data
WHY A NETWORK?

Leading & learning together
Sharing ideas, resources, tools, etc.
Sounding board for new ideas
Scaling promising practices
Iteration and refinement
Accelerating and broadening impact
JFF’S ROLE IN THE NETWORK

- Network Manager
- Network Weaver
- Strategy Partner
- Services Broker
- TA Provider
Guided pathways is being implemented at community colleges in all SSC states.

In a majority of states, the SSC has worked to align policy with guided pathways.

SSCs are creating systemic change across colleges.

SSCs create greater coherence across institutions around student success initiatives.

SSCs provide colleges greater access to information, research, and national resources.

SSCs foster collaboration.

“They’ve been just a huge asset to the state. Honestly, I don’t know who else would do what they have done if the Success Center was not there.”

Source: Research For Action’s Analysis of Center Outcomes and Impact, 2019
WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED ABOUT NETWORKS

Network health is more important than growth
Network members make more progress by building on local work
Self-assessment and evaluation are critical in the beginning
Case-making is never done
We don’t need to work in isolation on common challenges
Creative solutions come from veterans as well as new network members
Leading and learning are equally important
YOU ARE PART OF A NETWORK OF NETWORKS
Knowledge Network Goals

“...and teams who come together across organizational, spatial, and disciplinary boundaries to invent and share a body of knowledge.”

Adapted from Pugh. & Prusak, 2013
LEARNING & LEADING TOGETHER

Washington Examples:

What is one way that you have benefited from being a LEADER in a network?

And what is one way that you have benefited from being a LEARNER in a network?

• South Puget Sound Community College
• Skagit Valley College

Discussion:

• How can you serve as leaders in the expansion of guided pathways?
• What can you learn from the next wave of implementers?
• Structuring Networked Learning
• Maintaining Momentum
How can you serve as leaders in scaling guided pathways, both nationally and within Washington?
What can you learn from the next wave of implementers? What can you learn from other states in the SSCN?
MAINTAINING MOMENTUM

What do you need to stay focused on your long-term vision for change?
THANK YOU!

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