

Los Angeles County Promises That Count



The California College Promise Project (CCPP) at WestEd is partnering with the Campaign for College Opportunity and UNITE-LA to launch the Los Angeles County *Promises That Count* initiative.

Funded by the California Community Foundation, the three-year initiative focuses on supporting the development, implementation, and continuous improvement of College Promise efforts, with the goal of ensuring stronger academic support and student services in College Promise programs throughout Los Angeles County. With a focus on shifting from increasing college access to improving student success, especially for first-generation and low-income students, the *Promises That Count* initiative will support Los Angeles County College Promise program teams to design, implement, and strengthen evidence-based completion policies and strategies.

A centerpiece of the initiative involves cross-sector teams from seven College Promise programs joining together to participate in a ***Promises That Count* Community of Practice (CoP)**. Each team includes representation from K-12 and postsecondary education and local civic, non-profit, and business leaders committed to learning from one another over a 15-month period to guide the continuous improvement of the student support features of their programs. The CoP will receive technical assistance from WestEd and other statewide and national College Promise leaders through a series of activities focused on:

- » Improving cross-sector coordination
- » Aligning College Promise programs with existing student support initiatives
- » Initiating and improving "just-in-time" interventions
- » Strengthening mentoring and tutoring programs
- » Using data to inform program improvement

In addition to the *Promises That Count* Community of Practice, all of the College Promise programs in Los Angeles County will be invited to join a ***Promises That Count* Alliance**, designed to share best practices and strategies across programs. The county-wide alliance will convene several times a year to discuss common challenges and innovative solutions to improving and sustaining College Promise throughout the greater Los Angeles area.

Participating Community of Practice (CoP) Programs

Cerritos Complete
Cerritos College

First Year Promise Program
College of the Canyons

Los Angeles College Promise
Los Angeles Community College District

Pasadena City College Pathways Program
Pasadena City College

Promise Pathways Program
Long Beach City College

Rio Hondo College Promise
Rio Hondo Community College

South Bay Promise
El Camino Community College District

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