



Promises That Count



Making Promises Count for Student Success

Cross-sector collaboration for College Promise in Los Angeles County

September 26, 2018



Promises That Count



Session Overview

- College Promise in California
- Promises That Count Initiative
- Group Activity – “Delivering on the Promise”

California College Promise Project Website:
<https://californiacollegepromise.wested.org/>

College Promise Background



- More than 200 programs in 42 states
- In California:
 - 2017 - 23 programs
 - 2018 - 42 programs
- Continued growth expected

Defining College Promise



Variation in features = Difficult to classify programs

Common defining features:

- Financial support that encourages students to attend college
- Eligibility criteria based on where students live or attend school

California College Promise



Promises That Count



- **Goal:** Develop, implement, continuously improve College Promise student support that leads to equity
- **Length:** 3 years
- **Focus:** from *access* to *success*, especially for first-generation and low-income students
- **Components:** Alliance and Community of Practice

Promises That Count Partners



- California College Promise Project at WestEd
 - Technical Assistance
- UNITE-LA
 - Collaborate with Los Angeles Community College District
 - Monitor state policy
- Campaign for College Opportunity
 - Communications, public outreach, and policy support

Community of Practice

- Seven College Promise program teams
- Cross-sector partners (K-12, postsecondary, civic, non-profit, and business leaders)
- 15 months

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

Community of Practice

Activities

- Define goals and how to measure them
- Engage in continuous improvement cycles
- Share programs, processes, successes, challenges, and strategies with
 - Community of Practice peers
 - Alliance members

Community of Practice

Themes

- Communication and Outreach
- Aligning faculty
- Cross-sector partnership
- Career exploration

What We've Learned

Next Steps

“Delivering on the Promise” Group Activity



In the context of a College Promise program...

...What policies, programs, and services support success of historically underrepresented students?

Choose a Group



**K-12 Student
Supports**

**Academic Support
in College**

**2- to 4-year
Transfer Support**

**K-12 to College
Transition**

**Student Services
in College**

**Career Transitions
Support**

“Delivering on the Promise” Group Activity (cont.)

- **What did you learn?**
- **What can you incorporate into your College Promise program?**



Promises That Count



Thank you for your participation!

Mary Rauner
WestEd
mrauner@wested.org

Paola Santana
UNITE-LA
psantana@lachamber.com

John Garcia III
California Community
Foundation
jgarcia@calfund.org

California College Promise Project Website:
<https://californiacollegepromise.wested.org/>