

**Pathways to Adult Success Solutions Forum**  
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**What Policies Would Help Advance Building Pathways to Adult Success in Your Community or with The Students You Serve?**

NAME	POLICY IDEA
Rick Chavez	Social workers in schools and school districts specifically for identifying, finding, and reengaging students and families that have been lost during at-home and hybrid instruction.
Gavin Nichols	Provide funding for digital access from home for remote learning
Nyal	Providing funding for regional college access counselling (pretty low-cost building on TRiO type programming) for support around college applications and financial aid. To support school counselors who are overwhelmed taking care of students with a variety of social emotional and academic needs. (supplement not supplant)
Kyla Lackie	1) Provide funding to local K-12 and college partnerships to address equity gaps in credential attainment. 2) Allow for easier data sharing across K-12 and local higher ed institutions, especially around financial aid completion status
Shenitra Dees	<p>Funding School-based mental health collaborative and Mental Health Service Coordinators</p> <p>Funding for Alternative Education/Non-traditional Education</p> <p>More funding for parental support (Parent Project, parent coaching)/parental involvement. Can't move children out of poverty until we help their parents!</p> <p>More funding for emerging bilingual students. Support of pre-service education programs to create and implement teaching as a second-language certification at the bachelor and master levels.</p>
	Funds for social and emotional learning, funding for additional social workers/counselors at schools
Julie Norrande	Provide equitable funding for all public schools of choice: traditional, hybrid, remote learning; policies that acknowledge multiple pathways to educational success
Mary Padula	Emotional intelligence curriculum interconnected within education as a core integrated curriculum Pre- School-12 to further engaged fully inclusionary education across intelligences/ within neurodiversity

Gavin Nichols	Provide funding to provide case workers for 1st and 2nd year college students who need financial and other support to persist in college
Lashawn Taylor	Guidance for school districts funding non-profits like Communities In Schools that provide multiple supports not only to students and families but effectively connects the community partners (business, local college, health services, workforce) with regards to funding we are undervalued
Linda Kingston	To provide funding for FTE to master schedule effectively the linked learning pathways/CTE academies. To truly provide the time for the teachers to collaborate with each other, their postsecondary partners and the industry.
Angela Romans	Start with better structures/practices for loan forgiveness -- ultimately passage of student loan debt cancellation (would help low income students who desire to enter education and other nonprofit fields)
Vicky Ohlson	Revision of the Ability-to-Benefit regulations for adults with no high school diploma. (Providing access to Pell grants for a limited number of credit hours while simultaneously working toward GED or other HSD equivalent)
Kourtney Woodbury	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) programs in high schools for working students and families
Gavin Nichols	Provide funding for social emotional learning in school and out of school
Laura Tedesco	Provide funding for students to pursue credits/coursework through a flexible schedule, in person/virtual blend (flexible seat time)
Lisa	Policies to guide creation of alternative options for high school completion - to include competency-based, work-based learning experiences, use of individual planning tools (ILPs) - while maintaining rigor and challenge in academics - and funding of course!
Beth Berglin	Recognition that high school graduation rates do not correspond to college readiness and we shouldn't be patting ourselves on the back for increasing graduation rates if fewer than 50% are ready for college level work and need remedial courses.
	Funding for programs for parents and families, support systems/programs to assist parents and families so they can support their children
Mary Padula	Funding to engage functional testing and support providing guidance to all students as to their future post-secondary be it college, the trades, or other forms of higher education.
Kourtney Woodbury	Expand Saver's Tax Credit to working students/connect to 529 savings plan

Karen Velazquez-Vargas	Provide additional funding to districts looking to implement community schools across their districts; access to medical and mental health supports in one setting can go a long way to engage parents and families; increase funding to increase counselor to student ratios; more schools with dual enrollment opportunities
Vicky Ohlson	Relaxing some federal financial aid regulations that force wrap-around supports to be counted toward the student's ability to pay for college. I'm not explaining this well, but it is a problem for many students.
	Funding for school districts to employ transition coordinators to provide services and supports to students with disabilities transitioning from secondary to postsecondary education, competitive integrated employment and independent living.
Shaundra Stephens	More funding for parental involvement.