



Collaboration Pathways to Adult Success Toolkit

RECOMMENDATION 4: PERSISTENCE

Collaboration among local organizations and entities is an effective way to improve local postsecondary outcomes, for the benefit of the young people involved, their families, and the entire community.

THE FOUNDATION

For collaboration to thrive and remain effective over time, it is important to clarify objectives, expectations, roles, and responsibilities, and to document these agreements in appropriate ways. This is also crucial considering the likelihood that key personnel changes may occur during the lifetime of the collaboration. How the respective organizations will share, use, and safeguard data is of particular importance. Stakeholders must share data transparently, discuss it frequently, look for strengths and weak points, and devise strategies for improvement and incentives for success for everyone.

REGIONAL & STATE COLLABORATIONS

Collaboration at the regional or state level is crucial to support, spark, or enhance local initiatives.

- State-level databases and longitudinal data are crucial to assess and support students' postsecondary success as well as high school graduation, and are especially helpful if in-state college data is incorporated.
- State-level or regional collaborations with preK-12 school districts can help two- and four-year institutions develop strategies to support incoming students' transition to college, particularly for first-generation students and those at greatest risk.
- Regional business councils can provide coordinated guidance to help schools improve CTE and linked learning opportunities.