

Monthly Update, June 2017

Exciting News:

As you know, Jobs for the Future (JFF) received a \$16.6 million-dollar grant from the Gates Foundation to support the work of Centers for Student Success. New Jersey is one of 14 centers supported by the JFF network. Grant funds are being used to provide technical assistance to Centers. The three primary areas of technical assistance are:

1. **Foundations for Guided Pathways** (National Partner: National Center for Inquiry & Improvement- Rob Johnston): Focused primarily on making the case for Guided Pathways.
2. **Scale of Adoption Assessment and Consultation Process** (National Partner: Community College Research Center- CCRC): Focused on assessment of Guided Pathways progress at the colleges.
3. **Advising and Student Supports Redesign Services** (National Partner: Achieving the Dream-ATD): Focused on supporting colleges as they redesign advising and student supports to help student get on and stay on a path.

Although Centers will benefit from some support in each area, only a few Centers will receive in-depth support in each area. We are thrilled that New Jersey has been selected to receive in-depth support for advising and student supports redesign, as this was the area that most Centers requested in-depth assistance. New Jersey was selected to receive this support because of our strong commitment (and early actions) to better serving students so we should be very proud. This is extremely exciting as this support will help us make significant progress with Guided Pathways. New Jersey is positioned to be a national leader in this space!

Recent and Current Events

- **Advising Conference – June 7, 2017** at Mercer County Community College, approximately 80 attendees from 16 NJ community colleges and a couple from our 4-year college partners.
- **Guided Pathways Summer Institute- Technology Tools for Program Mapping- June 19, 2017** at Mercer County Community College
- **Online Course:** Deep Pedagogy for Online Learning: An Online Course for Faculty; May and June, over 120 faculty registered
- **Course Design Institute-** June 13, 14, and 21 at Mercer County Community College (25 full time faculty from 12 of our NJ community colleges)
- **College Readiness Now Institutes: Conversations between High Schools and Community Colleges,** over 200 participants
 - May 15, 2017, Bergen Community College
 - May 18, 2017 Middlesex County College
 - May 24, 2017 Rowan College at Gloucester County

Mini-Grants

- Lilly Teaching and Learning Conference, June 1-4 in Bethesda, MD, supported 20 faculty from across the state
- Professional Organizational Development Institute for New Faculty Developers, June 20-23 in Saratoga Springs, NY, supported 5 faculty developers

College Readiness Videos

- With CRN IV funding from OSHE, college readiness videos for high school students, administrators, and parents were developed (<https://www.njstudentsuccess.org/college-readiness1>)

Dual Enrollment

- Kate McGivern is in process of collecting data on the NJ story of dual enrollment, 19,500 students are currently enrolled in dual enrollment in NJ