

### Resources for Community College Leaders and Advocates

#### Bridges to Opportunity for Underprepared Adults: A State Policy Guide for Community College Leaders

#### FOR WHOM?

- Governors, legislators, and state agency officials who are concerned about the competitiveness of their state's workforce.
- Business leaders, labor leaders, and groups that advocate on behalf of low-income people.
- Those interested in reducing barriers for underprepared adults to pursue and succeed in collegiate work.
- College presidents, trustees, and other education leaders who are seeking ways to better serve their communities.

#### WHAT?

- Access to resources for improving outcomes for underprepared adults.
- In-depth review of successful Bridges states' efforts.
- · Practical strategies and tools to get started in your community.

#### **ADVOCATE TOOLKITS:**

#### **Bridging the Gap between Remedial Education and Credentials and Careers**

Examine five key topics – college-readiness, postsecondary transition, programming, financing, and performance accountability – that can help policymakers and educators rethink their remedial education policies and practices.

### **Creating Career Pathways to Accelerate College and Career Success**

Discover information on how to plan, build, and refine career pathways programs, and ways to strengthen leadership and support for such programs.

#### Financing Community Colleges to Serve Low-Income Adults

Develop financing models that recognize the role of community colleges in enlarging education and training opportunities for individuals of all backgrounds and circumstances.

### Linking Educational Opportunity and Economic Development

Expand and build community colleges' capacity to serve adult learners, and advance the link between educational opportunity and economic development.

## Making the Case for Community Colleges: Tools for Communications Advocacy

Develop and sustain a communications advocacy campaign.

#### Using Data to Inform Improvements in Policy and Practice

Get to know what robust, data systems look like and what they are capable of doing.

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The Community College Bridges to Opportunity initiative, funded by the Ford Foundation, was a multi-year effort designed to bring about changes in state policy that improve education and employment outcomes for educationally and economically disadvantaged adults.