



Are Colleges Guiding Students to Choose Valuable Programs and Pathways?

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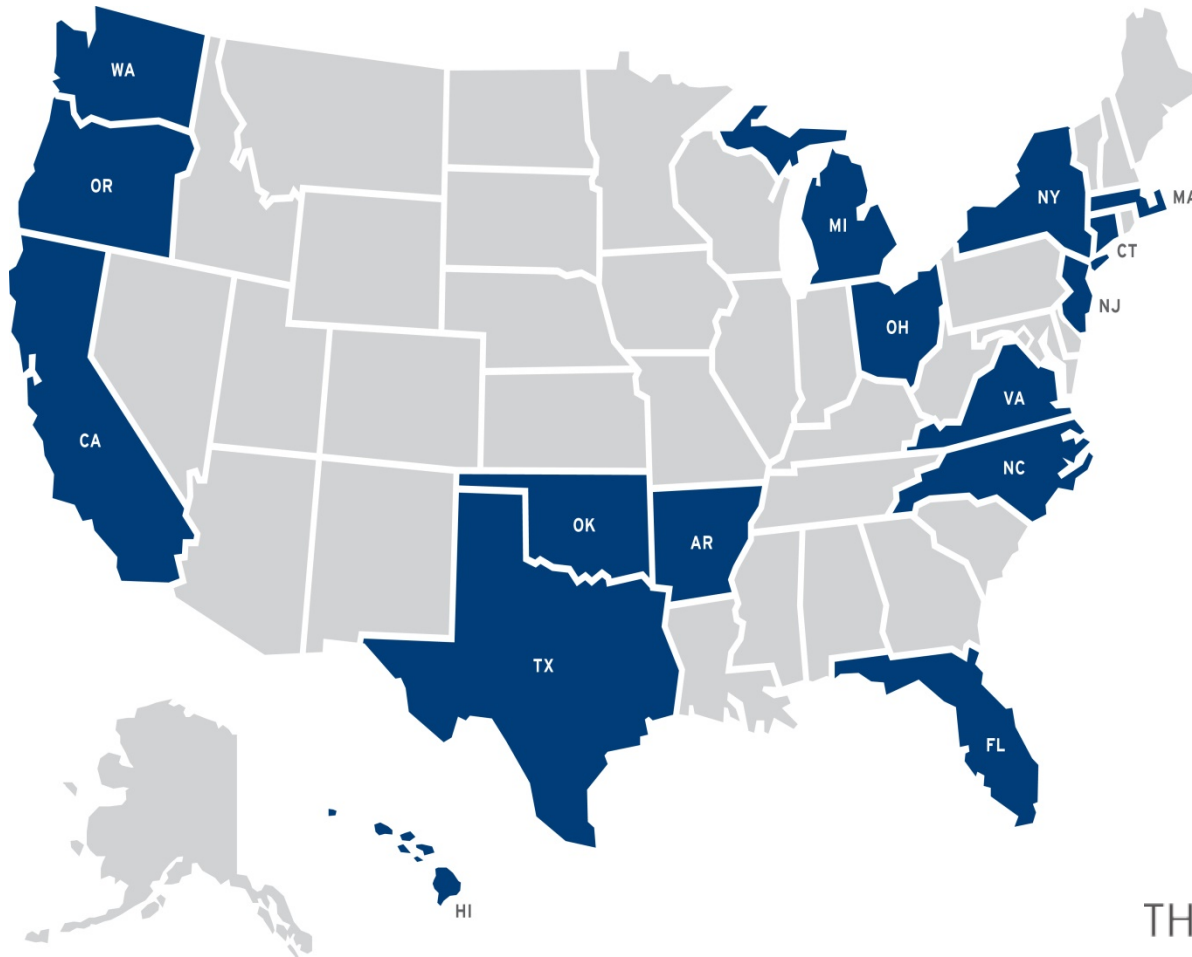
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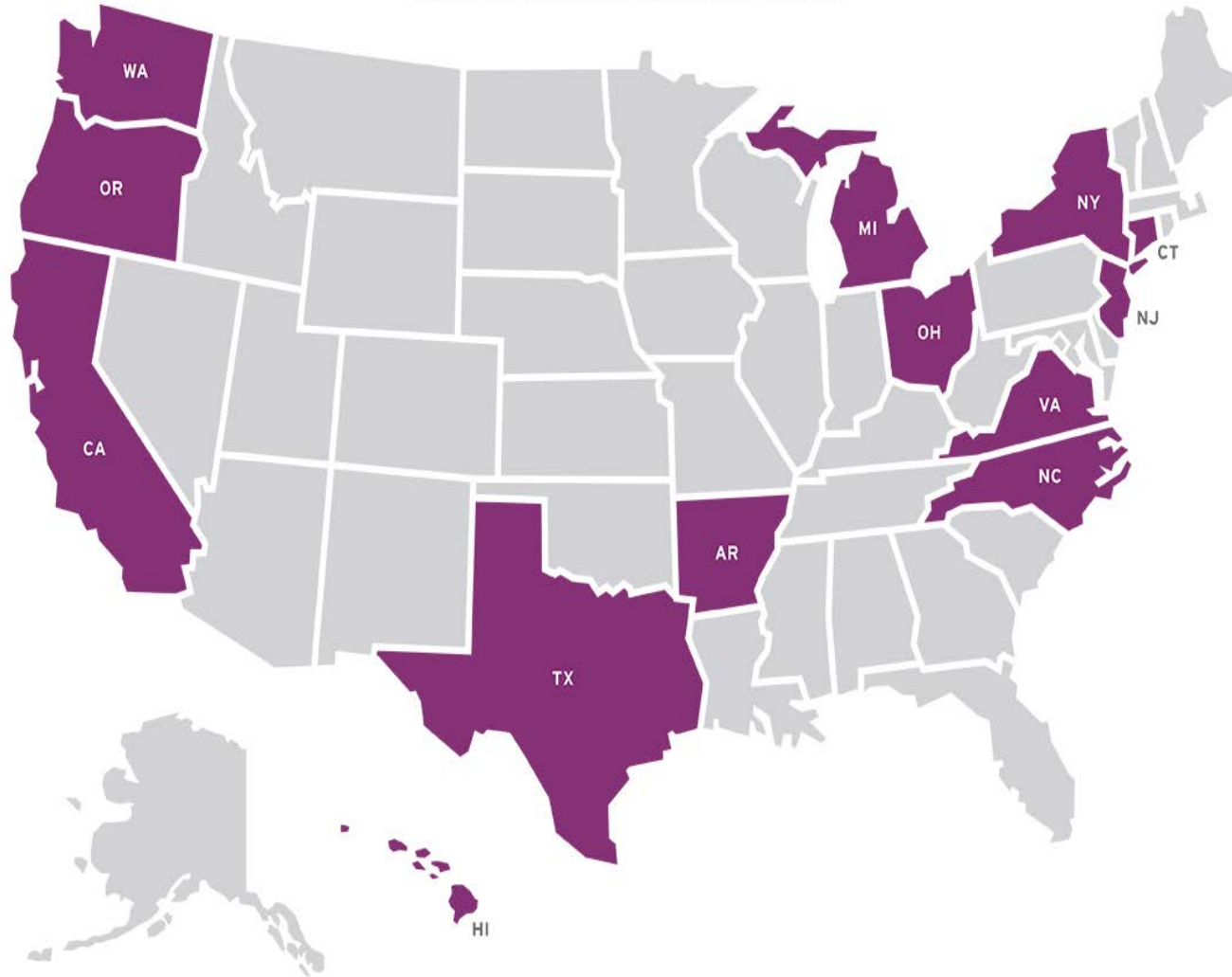


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Overview of the SSC Network

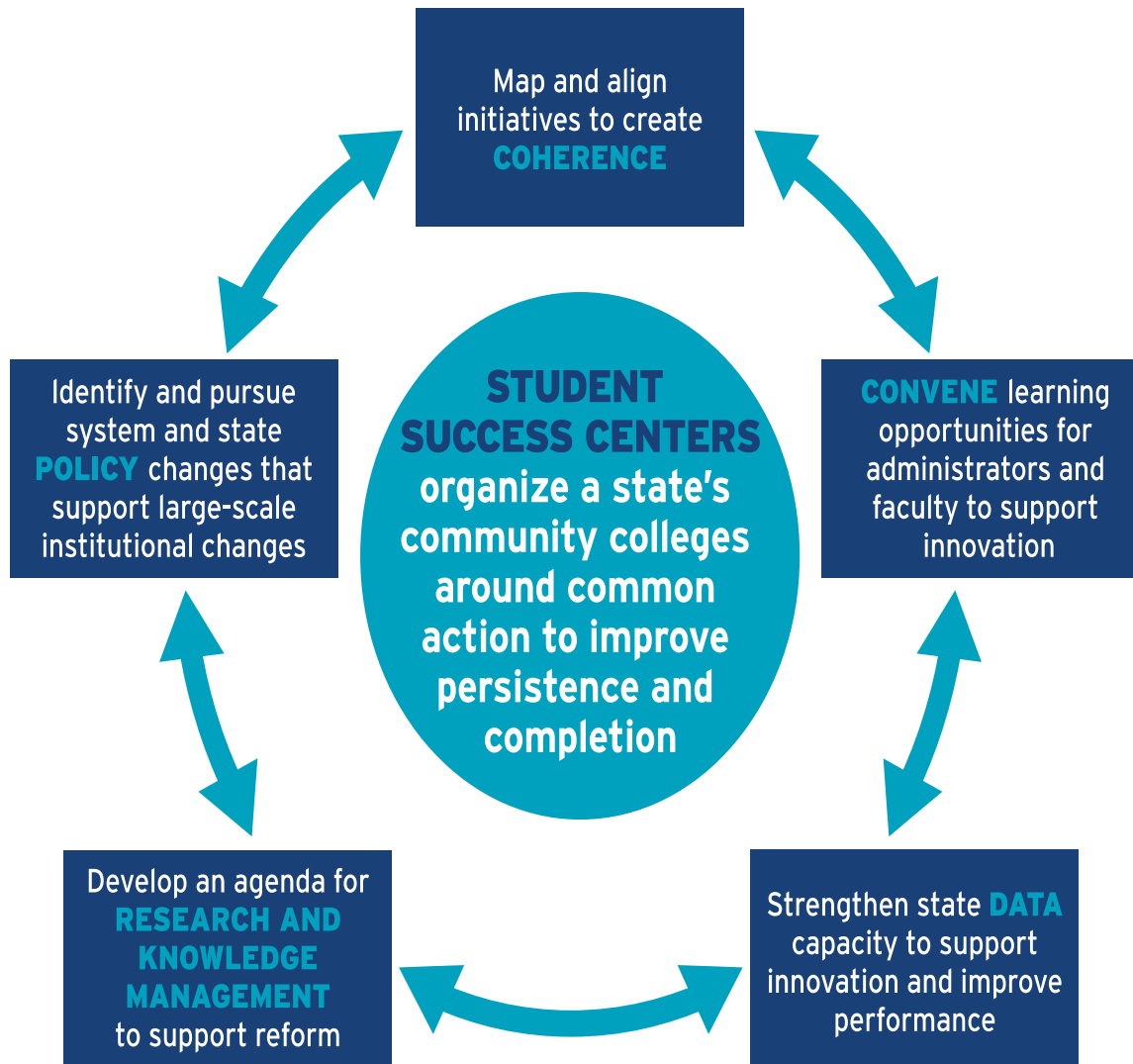
STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER NETWORK



Overview of the SSC Network

State	Year Est	# of Colleges	Host Organization	Executive Director
AR	2010	22	Arkansas Community Colleges	Mike Leach
CA	2014	112	Foundation for California Community Colleges	Sandy Fried
CT	2014	12	Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education	Open
HI	2016	7	University of Hawai'i Community Colleges	Cathy Bio
MI	2011	28	Michigan Community College Association	Erica Orians
NJ	2014	19	New Jersey Council of County Colleges	Christine Harrington
NY	2016	38	State University of New York	Jennifer Miller
NC	2016	58	North Carolina Community College System	Roxanne Newton
OH	2012	23	Ohio Association of Community Colleges	Laura Rittner
OR	2016	17	Oregon Community College Association	Elizabeth Cox Brand
TX	2013	50	Texas Association of Community Colleges	Cynthia Ferrell
VA	2016	23	Virginia Community College System	Shauna Davis
WA	2016	34	WA State Board for Community & Technical Colleges	Lisa Garcia-Hanson

Student Success Center Strategy & Framework



What Do the Centers Do?

Center Expectations

- Build institutional and statewide capacity to support student success efforts across the state's community colleges.
- Establish and sustain student success as a priority for the state's community colleges.
- Leverage the infrastructure of the Student Success Center to increase coherence across multiple completion initiatives.
- Deepen the commitment of the state's community colleges to implement innovative models to increase completion.
- Gather multi-institutional student success and progression data and share the data across institutions.
- Raise leveraged funding from the colleges, state organization, or local/national foundations to sustain the Center.

The Network's Potential for Impact

- Key data points for public, two-year colleges in the 13 states with Student Success Centers:
 - 49% of colleges are in these states
 - 58% of the fall enrollments were in these states
 - 67% of all minority students were in these states
 - 55% of Pell grant recipients were in these states
 - 56% of the Associate's degree recipients were in these states

Source: 2013-14 IPEDS data

JFF Support to the SSC Network

- Lead cross-state convenings with SSC leadership and staff
- Create tools, templates, and resources for use by SSCs
- Disseminate information through knowledge management and regular communications
- Communicate value and impact of SSCs to the field
- Develop and manage system to provide technical assistance to SSCs – in development

Sample of Technical Assistance Needs from Survey Results

- Advising
- Effective use of labor market information
- Stackable credentials and career pathways
- Industry/employer engagement

Types of Technical Assistance

- Types of TA Ranked Highest by SSCs:
 1. **Assessing gaps, strengths, and opportunities**
 2. **Institutes, seminars, and workshops**
 3. **Just-in-time packaged content, tools, and examples**
 4. **Peer-to-peer learning and communities of practice**
- Other TA Types Included:
 1. Train-the-trainer
 2. In-person convenings and meetings
 3. Consulting, agenda setting, strategic planning
 4. Direct in-person coaching and TA with colleges

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