

10 Ways to Create a Culture of College and Career Readiness in Your Community

Youth Bureaus and community organizations can play an instrumental role in college and career readiness by creating an environment in which students can thrive. Below are a number of ways you can support your community.

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Meeting and Exceeding Standards in K-8

College readiness begins right away—keep students on track in grades 3-8.



Parent Engagement

Parents need to understand that college can be a reality—early outreach is essential to establish college aspirations.



Metacognitive Thinking

Students need to understand and guide their own learning—self-reflection and self-assessment are foundational skills.



Resiliency Building

Resiliency leads to academic success—teach students to persist through problems and overcome challenges.



Four Year College Planning

Planning should begin on the first day of high school—helping families create a strategy at this time is critical.



Standardized Test Readiness

Comprehensive preparation makes a difference—give students a strategy, fill in content gaps, and build confidence.



Advanced and College-Level Courses

It's never too early to get ahead—students should encounter rigorous coursework and earn college credit before graduation.



Community and Global Experiences

Our students are competing globally—find ways to give them authentic experiences.



Access to Scholarships and Financial Aid Counseling

College costs eclipsed inflation for the past two decades—families need guidance to make smart decisions.



Connection to Careers

The average high school graduate will have at least 8 jobs in his or her lifetime—exposing students to careers is essential.

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