
ALASKA'S STEPS TO NETWORK CREATION

Step 1 Establish a Planning Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Planning team leadership identified through College Access & Success Summit•Members indicated commitment to 6-month planning process at Jan. planning team meeting•Planning team continues to expand membership and diversify contributions
Step 2 Research State Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Four challenges impairing postsecondary access & completion identified at summit•Alaska's college access data, projections & workforce needs presented at convenings•Alaska demographic/population information needed to progress towards 65% by 2025 goal.
Step 3 Inventory Existing Programs/Identify Gaps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Initial inventory created at summit and evolving document is available online•McDowell Group currently conducting a Postsecondary Access and Completion Programs & Policy Inventory for ACPE with completion expected in November 2014
Step 4 Determine the Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•65% by 2025 adopted as statewide goal at March planning team meeting•Mission statement crafted at inaugural planning team meeting - refined and adopted in March
Step 5 Secure Seed Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Alaska's College Access Challenge Grant able to provide seed funding for planning effort
Step 6 Find a Home for the Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•ACPE offers incubation home•Three options for permanent home researched by Network Structure Sub-Committee and reported back to planning team at May meeting.
Step 7 Develop a Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Basic parameters for budget for seed funding use available
Step 8 Hire Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•ACPE Community Partnership Manager (CJ Allison) dedicated at 40% to network-related planning team support and services
Step 9 Create a Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Strategic plan drafted and released to network in August 2014•Plan to be reviewed and refined at September 5, 2014, meeting
Step 10 Cultivate Diversified and Sustainable Funding Base	
Step 11 Market and Promote the Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Conference Sectional Subcommittee formed during July 2014 meeting to explore opportunities to present Network progress at various fall conferences
Step 12 Provide Services	
Step 13 Evaluate and Track Progress	