



MICHIGAN CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

An Initiative of the Michigan Community College Association

2017-2020 Strategic Direction

VISION

To provide state-level support to Michigan's 28 community colleges by serving as a hub connecting leadership, administrators, faculty, and staff in their emerging and ongoing efforts to improve student outcomes, emphasizing linkages between practice, research, and policy.

GOALS

1. Support the core policy function of the MCCA
2. Organize practice-oriented peer-learning activities and provide coherence across activities
3. Provide assistance to colleges in meeting data and research needs

STRATEGIES

- a. Organize high-quality convenings to connect college practitioners and other stakeholders to promote promising practices and raise awareness about student success.
- b. Provide information that integrates findings from national and local research activities and practitioner experiences to support state-level conversations related to student success.
- c. In partnership with other stakeholders (Governor's Office, legislators, universities, K-12, employers and community-based agencies), work to increase student success and college completion in Michigan.
- d. Serve as a hub to facilitate emerging opportunities for campus-based work and the integration of findings from national projects.
- e. Provide support to colleges implementing student success practices and share successful practices and challenges identified by early-adopter colleges.
- f. Maintain a role in ongoing policy conversations about access to data, including labor market data, and support colleges in their data access needs.
- g. Facilitate sustained dialogue related to the use of data to inform continuous improvement efforts across all 28 community colleges.

METRICS

Engagement: Maintain or increase participation in projects and events hosted by the MCSS.

- i. Metric: Reach 1,000 (duplicated) participants across all MCSS hosted events in each fiscal year.
- ii. Metric: Achieve participation in at least one event or project from all 28 member colleges in each fiscal year.

Satisfaction: Maintain a high level of satisfaction with MCSS activities.

- iii. Metric: Achieve at least a 4 out of 5 level of satisfaction for the MCSS in the MCCA annual survey.

Sustainability: Manage grant funds and relationships with funders to support MCSS activities

- iv. Metric: Manage existing and new funding streams to maintain a balanced budget for MCSS each fiscal year.
- v. Metric: Secure grant funds to execute at least one large-scale priority project identified by member colleges and MCSS staff every three years.