GOAL OF ILLINOIS 60 BY 25 NETWORK

To support communities to increase meaningful and equitable postsecondary attainment and civic engagement.

WHO IS THE NETWORK?

ORGANIZERS
Advance Illinois
Education Systems Center at NIU
Illinois Student Assistance Commission

LEADERSHIP COMMUNITIES
Aurora Pathways to Prosperity
East Side Aligned
Enlace Chicago
Evanston
HPEC of Lake County
Making Opportunities Real for Everyone (MORE) in the Mississippi and Rock River Regions
McLean County
NCI/Starved Rock Region
Northwest Educational Council for Student Success (NECSS)
OAI/Rich Township District 227
Peoria Pathways to Prosperity
Rockford
Sangamon County Continuum of Learning
Thrive Chicago
Vandalia ONE
Vermilion County

PARTNERS
Illinois State Board of Education
Illinois Board of Higher Education
Illinois Community College Board
Illinois Department of Employment Security
Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
Northern Illinois Regional P20 Network
The Joyce Foundation
Guiding Team Members

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT & COLLABORATION

• Increased cooperation and commitment among community partners, including business and education stakeholders
• Increased communication among education institutions to advance learning for all students
• Better coordinated and aligned learning systems in the Network’s communities

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES THE NETWORK MAKE?

THE SOCIAL BENEFITS
• Increased educational and career opportunities for students, creating a safer and healthier community
• Increased civic engagement
• Increased self-sufficiency among community members
• Young people understand how education translates into career opportunities

THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS
• Identified talent strategy for businesses leading to a fully employed and employable workforce
• Students who are better prepared and work-ready
• Increased value of a postsecondary education (degrees and credentials) recognized by industry and community
• More companies choosing to grow and locate in leadership communities
• Improved talent retention of young people staying in Illinois

THE EQUITY IMPERATIVE
• Increased educational access, attainment, and success
• Increased awareness of the value of postsecondary education and training
• Higher rates of underrepresented youth pursuing postsecondary education and employment

HOW DO NETWORK ORGANIZERS SUPPORT STATE & LOCAL WORK?

THE STAKEHOLDERS

THE OUTCOMES & RESULTS

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PROJECTS, INITIATIVES, & NETWORK SUPPORTS FOR LEADERSHIP COMMUNITIES*

Making data actionable for community leaders through research, engagement, and communication
• The State We’re In Report
• Interactive Data Tools
• Cradle to Career Dashboard*
• Legislator Engagement

Helping students progress through key education transition points
• Strengthening connections between pre-K and kindergarten
• Reducing remediation in college through Transitional Math courses in high school
• Targeted Financial Support to Partnerships*
• Providing near-peer mentors (ISACorps) to assist with college-going and financial aid process
• Enabling students to easily transition from high school to college through ISAC Electronic Transcript Exchange

Supporting college and financial aid planning
• Parent Workshops
• Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Completion Supports
• College Planning Program
• Online Student Portal
• Providing professional development to high school and college counselors

Bridging state policy and local action
• Improving state policy under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
• Articulating Postsecondary and Career Expectations (PaCE)
• Piloting a model of learning based on skill mastery rather than grade level through competency-based education
• College and career pathway system development and implementation
• Peer-to-Peer Learning Opportunities

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The Network measures progress towards increasing the number of residents with a postsecondary degree or credential and expansion of the Network throughout Illinois.

**PERCENTAGE OF IL STUDENTS IN LEADERSHIP COMMUNITIES**

- **265,222**
  - Total high school students statewide in Leadership Communities
  - **43%** of all high school students in the state

- **160,371**
  - High school students outside of Chicago
  - **32%** of all high school students outside of Chicago

**OVERALL STATE PROGRESS TOWARD 60 BY 25 GOAL**

- **60% GOAL**
  - **6.0%** High-Quality Certificate
  - **8.8%** Associate Degree
  - **22.2%** Bachelor’s Degree
  - **13.1%** Graduate or Professional Degree

Source: Lumina Foundation

**HOW DO LEADERSHIP COMMUNITIES MEASURE PROGRESS TOWARD THEIR GOALS?**

Leadership Communities choose what and how to measure their progress towards a 60 by 25 goal that aligns to their values and priorities, i.e., Focus Indicators. The dots below represent the Focus Indicators selected by each community, which they use to track the effectiveness of their initiatives. For more information go to: 60by25.org/dashboard