



THE CAREER LADDERS PROJECT (CLP) WORKS TO FOSTER EDUCATIONAL AND CAREER ADVANCEMENT. THROUGH RESEARCH, POLICY INITIATIVES, AND DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND THEIR PARTNERS, CLP BUILDS CAREER PATHWAYS IN CALIFORNIA.



CURRENT INITIATIVES

THE CCC CAREER ADVANCEMENT ACADEMIES

Establishing pipelines to college and high wage careers for young adults facing multiple barriers to post-secondary education—in partnership with the California Community College system.

THE CCC LINKED LEARNING INITIATIVE

Strengthening the connections between high schools with industry-themed pathways and their local community colleges to improve student success in both college and career.

THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PATHWAYS INITIATIVE

Strengthening college and career advancement for foster youth—in partnership with California College Pathways.

THE CONCURRENT COURSES INITIATIVE: PATHWAYS TO COLLEGE AND CAREERS

Providing low-income youth with career-focused dual enrollment opportunities—in partnership with the Community College Research Center (Teachers' College, Columbia University).

PATIENT NAVIGATION CENTER

Training Bay Area Asian and Hispanic youth as non-clinical health workers—in partnership with Asian Americans for Community Involvement.

GREEN TRANSPORTATION COLLABORATIVE

Preparing low-income young adults for high wage careers in automotive and hybrid/electric vehicle technologies.

BRIDGES TO CAREER PATHWAYS

Preparing low-income Bay Area residents for high-demand careers with family-sustaining wages and career advancement opportunities—in partnership with the Bay Area Workforce Funding Collaborative.

ABOUT

The Career Ladders Project works to impact education and workforce development policy and practice in California. CLP works across multiple venues—including local community colleges, the CA Community College system, the legislature, and other state level arenas—to raise issues, share effective practices, address barriers, and pose systemic solutions. A founding member of the California EDGE Campaign, CLP provides ongoing executive level leadership to this non-partisan effort to lift up workforce development and to forge coherent state strategies that address the skill needs of employers and provide opportunity for all Californians.

CLP works on the ground with a number of innovative initiatives to move low-income youth and adults to college and careers. CLP provides technical assistance, documents lessons learned, and fosters a community of practice across sites. CLP assists with: professional development for faculty and staff; program development and improvement; resource development and sustainability planning; independent evaluation and data tracking processes; regional career pathways; and partnerships among K-16 educational institutions, workforce boards, community organizations, labor, and employers.

As initiatives mature, CLP works with state and regional leadership, philanthropic partners and policy makers to promote expansion and replication of successful projects and to identify and implement systemic policy changes that can better support effective practices.

BACKGROUND

The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges adopted a major policy statement, Ladders of Opportunity, calling for a comprehensive career ladders initiative in California. Founded on this framing document, CLP aims to improve post-secondary career pathway success and advancement. The Board also incorporated CLP policy recommendations into its system strategic plan.

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