Topic 1: Educational Pipeline

Topic 2: Collective Impact

Topic 3: Beyond Access: Promoting Success
The Grand Challenge

“The future economic growth and prosperity of Raleigh and Wake County is dependent on an educated and skilled workforce.”

Wake County Commissioners, 2012
TOPIC 1: 

Educational Pipeline
To Successfully Navigate Through the Pipeline Youth Must:

- Be **Prepared** for post-secondary education
- Be **Supported** inside and outside school
- **Succeed** academically
- **Enroll and succeed** in some form of postsecondary credentialing program
- **Graduate** and be employed
In Wake County, for every 100 ninth grade students...

80 students graduate from high school four years later...

52 students immediately enter college...

38 students are still enrolled in their second year...

and 31 students graduate with either an associate’s degree within three years or a bachelor’s degree within six years.

Source: Raleigh Colleges and Community Collaborative, 2011
In Wake County, for every 100 low-income ninth grade students...

58 students graduate from high school four years later...

39 students immediately enter college...

28 students are still enrolled in their second year...

and 16 students graduate with either an associate’s degree within three years or a bachelor’s degree within six years.

Source: Raleigh Colleges and Community Collaborative, Data Management, 2011
THE BOTTOM LINE:

• Better-educated = higher incomes

• Better-skilled = more innovation and increased productivity

• Better-Raleigh = prosperity, stronger economy, higher levels of volunteerism, increased civility
Goal

Double the number of low-income youth in Wake County who achieve a postsecondary credential and living wage employment.

Current: 672 low-income college graduates per year

2025 Goal: 1344 low income graduates per year
Topic 2: Collective Impact
The Historical Model

Public Schools

Higher Education

CBOs/FBOs

City/County Government

Family

Business/Corporations
Who Are the Stakeholders?

- K-12 (WCPSS)
- Raleigh City Government
- Wake County Health and Human Services
- Faith-Based Organizations
- Non-profits

- All Six Raleigh Colleges and Universities
- Community-based Organizations
- Corporations and Businesses
- Community leaders/members

[Images of logos from various organizations]
A Bill and Melinda Gates Partnership for Postsecondary Success

“A Powerful Community Partnership For Collective Impact”
Collective Impact

The commitment of a group of key stakeholders, from different sectors, to a common agenda for solving a specific community problem.

- centralized infrastructure
- dedicated staff
- structured process
- shared measurement
- continuous communication
- mutually reinforcing activities

(Source: Collective Impact, Kania and Kramer, 2011)
Topic 3: Student Success
Help Low-income Students in Wake County:

- Be Prepared for post-secondary education
- Be Supported inside and outside school
- Succeed academically
- Enroll and succeed in some form of postsecondary credentialing program
- Graduate and are employed
A High School Student Success Program

- Began with $174 K Dropout Prevention Grant (WCPS)
- RCCC helped sponsor summer academic programming
- Four high schools are participating
- Programming includes a summer academy, saturday academy and mentoring throughout the AY.
- 73 of 77 Future Scholars advanced to 10th grade.
- Two NSF grants have been submitted (Math Science Partnership and STEM scholarships to help sustain this program)
Over 900 Raleigh Fellows participated across the six campuses

Executed eight cross-campus education and career developmental programs for Fellows

Improved student retention and success rates.

Meredith established an “Impact Raleigh” scholarship program and food bank service

NCSU established “Campus to Career Passport” program

WTCC established P.A.T.H. program.
Chavis College Center established Jan 2012
VISTA employee added in September
Conducted college awareness workshops and campus visits during AY 2012 - 2013
“Insight Series” involving college students implemented
Refurbished/decorated College Center and enhanced the resource library
A comprehensive programming schedule developed for AY 2013 – 14
Social Equity Leadership Conference
June 5, 2013