

From Research to Practice: Planning Inclusive Supports for Students with Intellectual Disabilities

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Questions & Conversation

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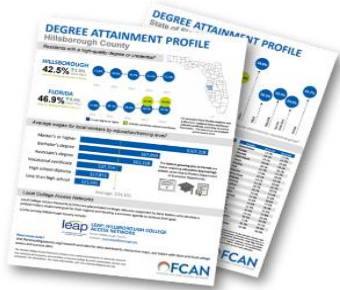
Our mission:

We lead the collaborative movement to ensure every Floridian achieves an education beyond high school and a rewarding career.

Our vision:

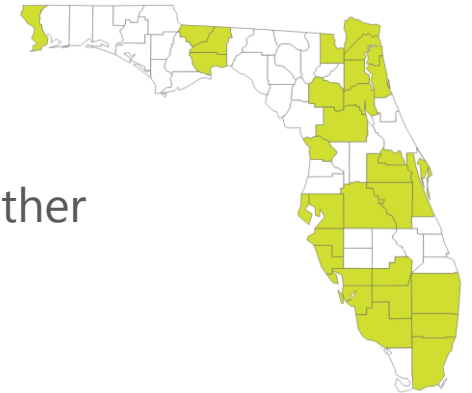
A Florida working together, where education is the pathway to economic mobility for all.

FCAN's Work



Research and Data FCAN publishes research and data on evidence-based practices and policy opportunities to strengthen Florida's talent pool.

Local college access networks (LCANs) LCANs represent 82% of the state's population. These organizations are made up of community leaders who come together to create solutions and partnerships to support local talent development.



**COLLEGE
READY
FLORIDA**

Statewide Initiatives FCAN coordinates 4 College Ready Florida initiatives that support students in continuing their education after high school.

7 Conditions for Success

Opportunity for everyone: To build a talent-strong economy, all Floridians need access to a postsecondary education and the supports to complete it.

Clear information and guidance: Students and families need exposure and counseling early and often to make informed decisions about their futures.

Affordable: Postsecondary education needs to be within everyone's financial reach, regardless of household income or life circumstances.

Multiple pathways to success: Floridians benefit from multiple learning opportunities for academic achievement and career advancement.

Lifelong learning: No degree or credential is "one and done;" Floridians need to prepare for career changes through continuous learning.

Effective use of data: Transparent access to data on education and economic outcomes, especially for Florida's diverse populations, helps achieve our goals.

Community collaboration: When community partners work together toward a shared vision, they remove barriers, build a robust workforce, and improve the quality of life for their regions.

Poll: What organization are you with?

Florida Center for Students with
UNIQUE ABILITIES

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Today's Agenda

- ▶ Overview of the Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Act and the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities
- ▶ Our strategic planning model
- ▶ Resources and supports
- ▶ Questions

Florida Legislation

- ▶ The Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Act (FS 1004.6495)
- ▶ Signed into law January 21, 2016, effective July 1, 2016

The FPCTP Act

- ▶ Established the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities (FCSUA) at UCF
- ▶ Established Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Programs (FPCTP)
- ▶ Funds scholarships for students to attend approved programs
- ▶ Funds start-up and enhancement grants to IHEs

FCSUA's Charge – Make It Happen!

- ▶ Application, submission, and approval process
- ▶ Administer the development and enhancement grants
- ▶ Award the scholarships to eligible students
- ▶ Collect, analyze, and report evaluation information regarding program and student outcomes

The FCSUA Provides

- ▶ Assistance to prepare FPCTP applications and FPCTP grant proposals, and to request FPCTP scholarships
- ▶ Assistance to design evaluation plans, and to collect and analyze evaluation data
- ▶ Assistance to develop the Federal CTP proposal
- ▶ Feedback to the State legislators re: funding and policy needs

Eligibility

- ▶ Public and private IHEs, not for profit, accredited
 - Universities
 - State and community colleges
 - Career tech centers
 - Private colleges
- ▶ Students with intellectual disabilities, attend in person, documented disability
 - Exited K-12 system

FPCTP Scholarships

- ▶ Scholarships are available for eligible students attending the approved FPCTPs
- ▶ 47 scholarships @ \$7,000 annually awarded 2016-17
- ▶ 80 scholarships @ \$7,000 annually awarded 2017-18
- ▶ 120 scholarships @ \$7,000 annually awarded 2018-19
- ▶ 128 scholarships @ \$7,000 annually awarded 2019-20

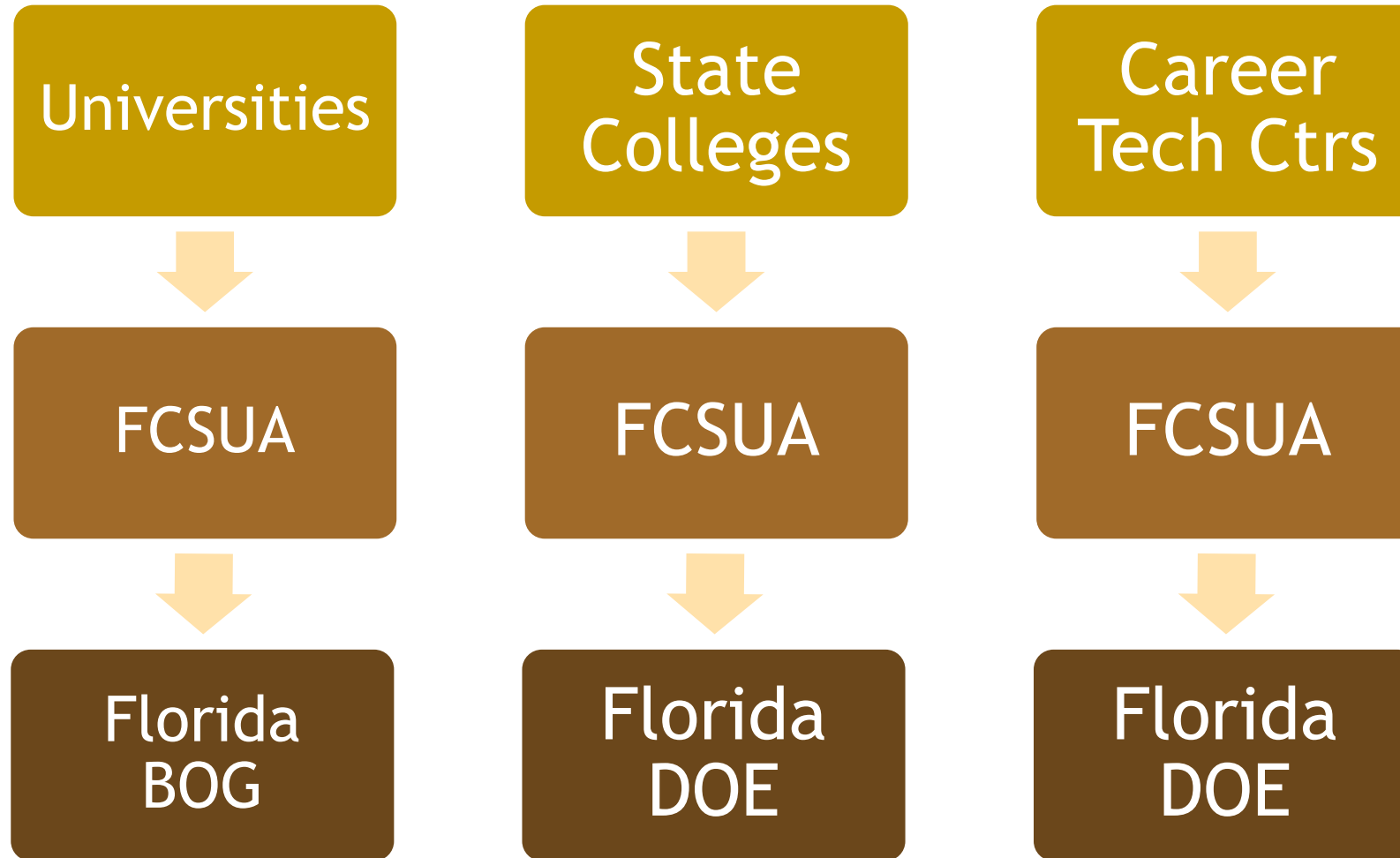
FPCTP Grants to IHEs

- ▶ **New:** *Annual* budget up to \$300,000
- ▶ Spread your project period from 1 to 3 years
- ▶ Maximum award of \$900,000 for three-year award
- ▶ Start a new program or extend, expand, improve an existing program
- ▶ Tech colleges are considered an “institution” so multiple tech colleges within a district can offer a FPCTP and access grant resources

FPCT Program Approval

- ▶ Initial approval is for 3 years
- ▶ Renewal approval is for 5 years
- ▶ The application includes description of:
 - Recruiting, assessing, advising students
 - Credential(s)
 - Curriculum
 - Partnerships

FPCTP Approval Process



FPCT Programs

- ▶ Focus on **employment** outcomes
- ▶ Inclusive contexts
- ▶ No less than half-time enrollment
- ▶ **Meaningful credential, industry certification**
- ▶ Requires definition of *satisfactory academic progress*
- ▶ Requires federal Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary (CTP) Program application

FPCT Programs

- ▶ Florida Atlantic University – Jupiter and Boca Raton
- ▶ University of Central Florida – Orlando
- ▶ Southeastern University – Lakeland
- ▶ Florida International University – Miami
- ▶ Florida Gulf Coast University – Ft. Myers
- ▶ University of South Florida – St. Petersburg
- ▶ College of the Florida Keys– Key West and Upper Keys
- ▶ Santa Fe College – Gainesville
- ▶ Indian River State College – Ft. Pierce and Vero
- ▶ St. Petersburg College – St. Petersburg

FPCT Programs

- ▶ Tallahassee Community College - Tallahassee
- ▶ Broward College – Ft. Lauderdale – North and South campuses
- ▶ Miami-Dade County Public Schools – Robert Morgan Educational Center and Technical College
- ▶ Broward County Public Schools – McFatter and Sheridan Technical Colleges
- ▶ Lee County Public Schools - Ft. Myers and Cape Coral Technical Colleges
- ▶ Orange Technical College – Westside – Winter Garden
- ▶ Leon County Public Schools – Lively Technical College - Tallahassee

FPCTP Credentials

- ▶ Range from institution to institution
- ▶ Some are specialized (see FAU)
- ▶ Others provide a pathway (see CFK)
- ▶ Others are the same as available to any student (see FMTC & CCTC)

How Does the FCSUA Help You?

Additional Resources



- ▶ Technical Assistance
- ▶ FCSUA Webinars
- ▶ Strategic Planning Tool
- ▶ Florida Postsecondary Education Program Planning Institute

Our Approach

- ▶ The NSTTAC/NTACT capacity-building/ program improvement model
- ▶ Extends research to practice
- ▶ Strategic planning that informs development, implementation, evaluation
- ▶ A strategic planning system that informs technical assistance and professional development needs

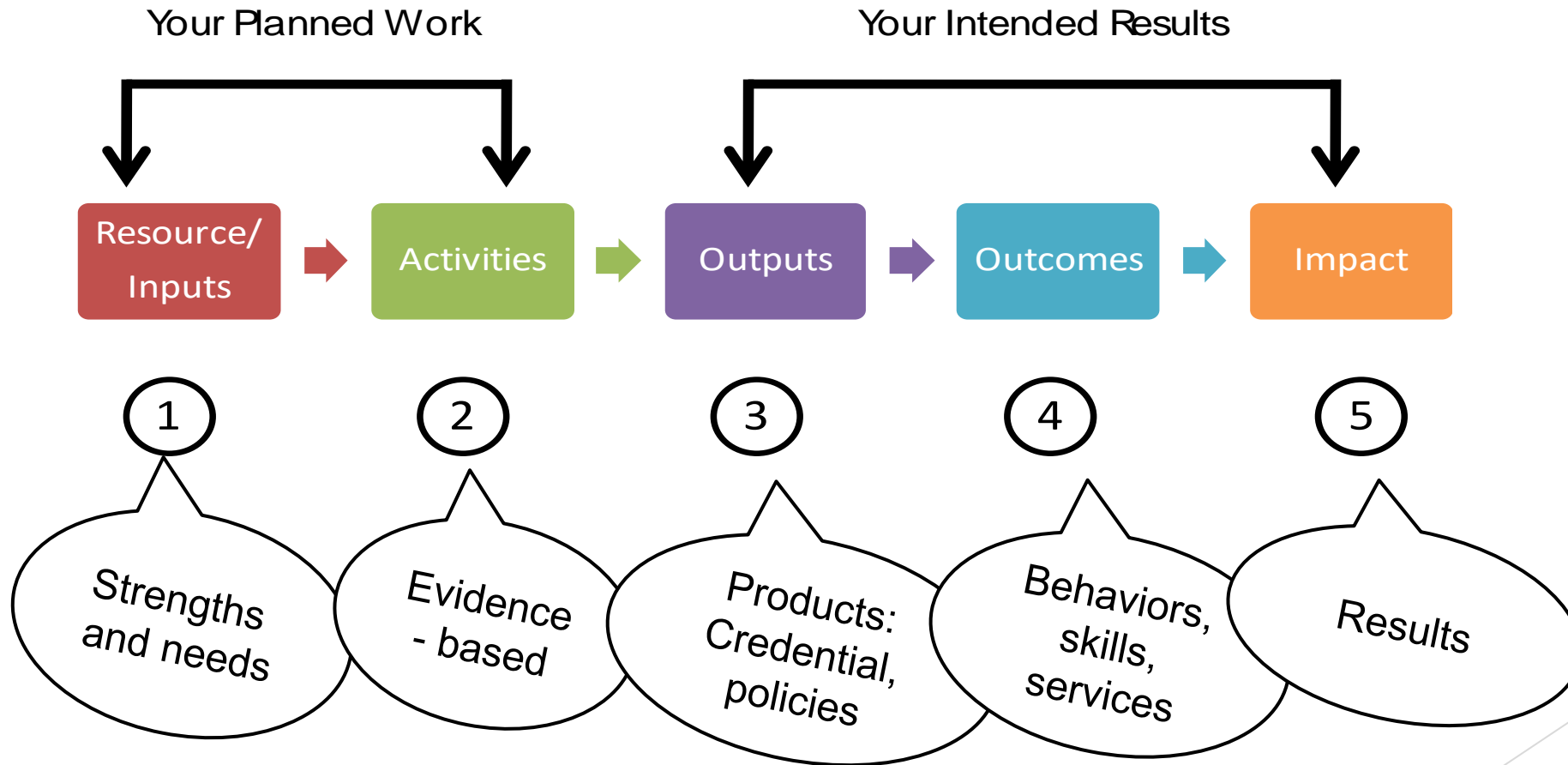
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**Strategic
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System**

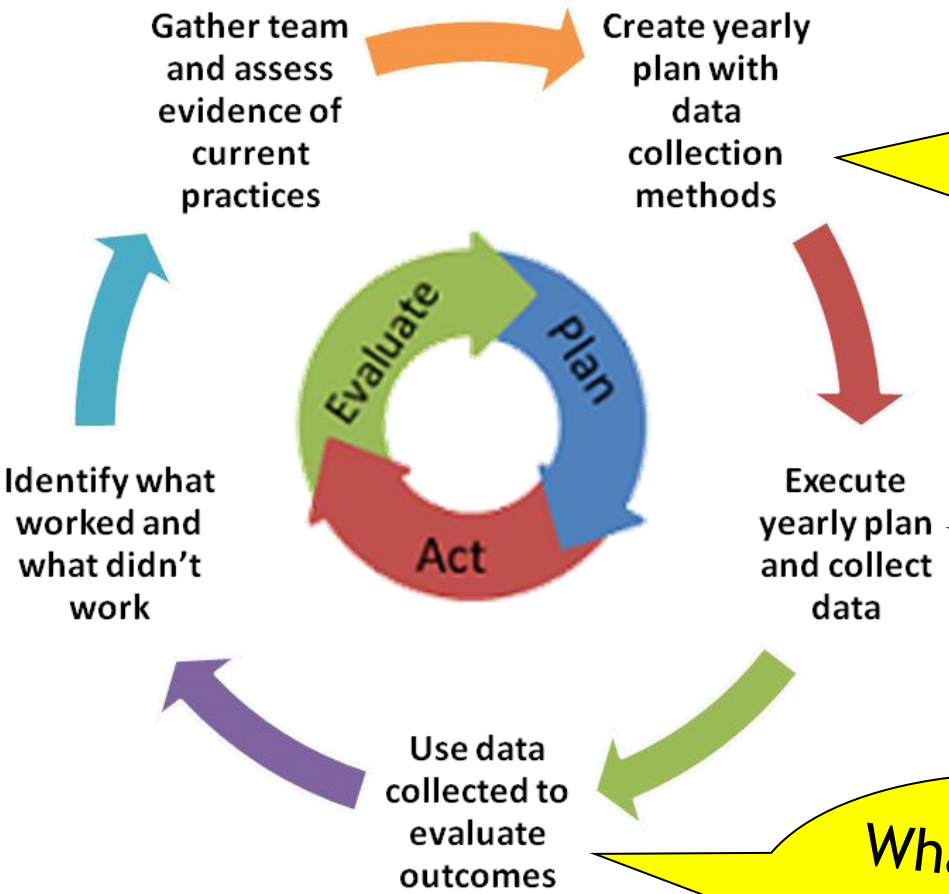


**Application of
the **logic
model** for
planning and
evaluation**

Logic Model Components



Data-Based Decision-Making



• Know your needs - based on data
• Plan to implement evidence-based practices

Improvement activities AND evaluation

What data do you need? What are you collecting?

It Starts with an Institute

- ▶ Foster development of FPCTPs
- ▶ Provide information regarding resources
- ▶ Provide information regarding program strategies
- ▶ Facilitate planning new and enhancing existing programs
- ▶ Foster collaboration across the state

Institute Format

- ▶ Hybrid “Institute and Conference” model
- ▶ Combines elements of a conference with elements of an institute
- ▶ Provides a format for learning and applying that learning to the postsecondary education program context

Institute Components

Build and/or
Strengthen
Postsecondary
Education
Programs



Content sessions



Facilitated team
planning meetings



Content resources



Postsecondary education
program planning tool

Content Sessions

- ▶ Keynotes
- ▶ Content breakout
- ▶ Experts from the field
- ▶ FPCTP guidance
- ▶ FPCTP and agency information displays

Facilitated Team Planning Meetings

- ▶ Dedicated planning time with a facilitator
- ▶ Postsecondary education program planning tool
- ▶ Content resource visits
- ▶ Content session debriefs
- ▶ Prepare for team report out

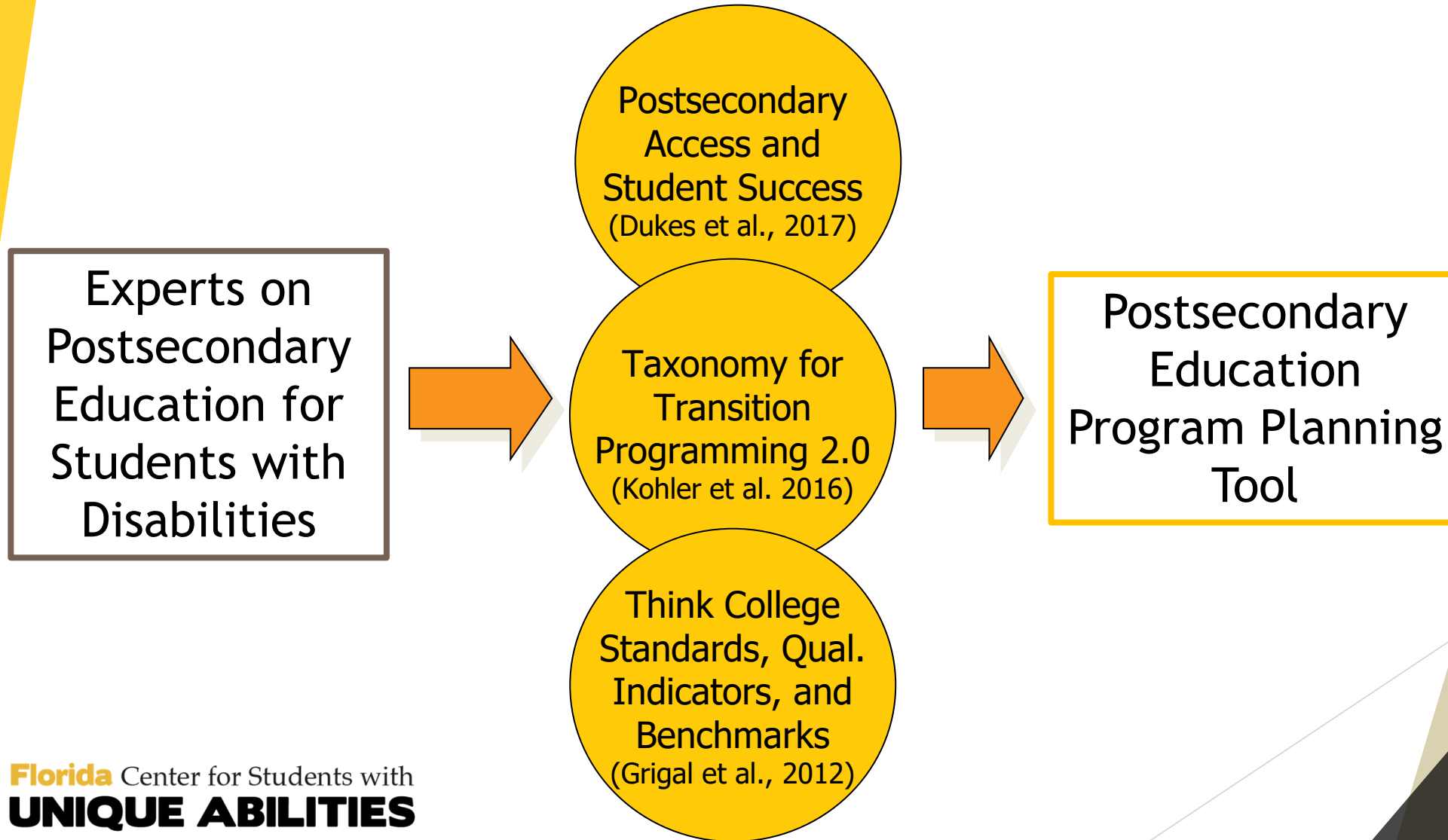
Content Resources

- ▶ Experts from the field
- ▶ Available during team planning meetings
- ▶ 20 minutes to ask questions and “pick their brains”

Our Online Postsecondary Education Program Planning Process

- ▶ Moves the “science” into practice
- ▶ Integrates available evidence-based and promising practices into a step-by-step planning process
- ▶ Provides a context for team discussions
- ▶ Assists teams to “leave” with concrete ideas


Program Planning Tool: Development



**Poll: When planning new programs,
where do you focus?**

transitionprogramtool.org

SELECT PLANNING FOCUS





NTACT
National Technical Assistance Center on Transition

Strategic Planning Tool

Welcome to our web-based system for building capacity and developing programs to provide K-12 transition education and services and inclusive postsecondary education.

To log in, select a planning focus below:



K-12 Education

Postsecondary Education

For more information about this tool please contact ntactsupport@ucf.edu

Using the Data

- ▶ Analyze strengths and needs to inform products and services (TA and PD)
- ▶ Analyze technical soundness because a good plan produces results
- ▶ Analyze plans to help foster program development and improvement – focused on individual sites

Summary

- ▶ An organized process to extend research to practice
- ▶ An organized approach to connect supply and demand
- ▶ An organized approach to identify individual institutional needs and address them
- ▶ An organized approach to collect and use meaningful data

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Virtual FLPEPPI 2020

- ▶ Established teams
- ▶ New teams
- ▶ November 17-20, 2020
- ▶ [Registration](#) ends October 16, 2020

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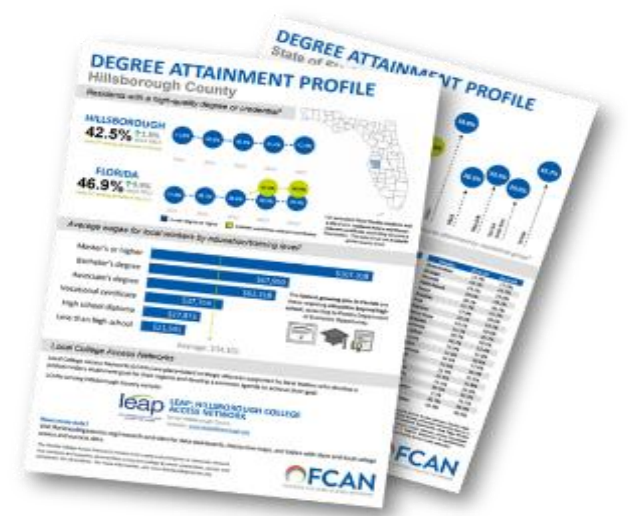
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Conclusion

