

Insights Into Action: The Next Phase of Florida's Statewide Longitudinal Data System

WEBINAR

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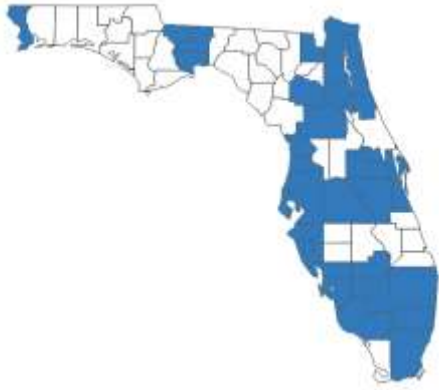
Our mission:

We lead the statewide collaborative movement to strengthen Florida by ensuring every Floridian attains education beyond toward a rewarding career.

Our vision:

A thriving Florida working together where education is the pathway to economic mobility and a prosperous economy 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.

Advocacy: FCAN engages with stakeholders, policy makers and community-based organizations to find ways for improving every students' postsecondary journey.

Storytelling: FCAN focuses on students and their communities to understand and share the impacts of Florida's education policy.

Local college access networks (LCANs): FCAN provides financial supports and technical assistance to local coalitions made up of community leaders who come together to create solutions and partnerships to support local talent development.



Statewide Initiatives: FCAN coordinates 4 College Ready Florida initiatives that provides schools and community organizations resources to help students continue their education after high school.

Convenings for Collaboration: FCAN hosts and facilitates data-driven, solutions-oriented conversations with student success leaders at the community-based, institutional, and statewide levels.

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.

Affordability: 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.

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Agenda

- Welcome & Overview
- Key Highlights from “*Insights Into Action: The Next Phase of Florida’s Statewide Longitudinal Data System*”
- Response Panel & Expert Commentary
- Q&A Session

Guest Speakers



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Florida Philanthropic Network



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Recommendation 1: Continue to invest in the SLDS to ensure it stays at the leading edge while prioritizing data privacy

- Secure a **dedicated funding stream** from the state for maintenance and continuous modernization.
- Develop a **continuous improvement plan** to guide investments in and the expansion of the SLDS.
- **Pursue grants** opportunistically to fund special projects that align with the continuous improvement plan.
- **Extend the governance structure** beyond K-12 education.
- Establish an **independent or semi-independent agency** to oversee the SLDS.
- **Integrate** critical datasets and **expand** participating agencies based on the continuous improvement plan.
- **Join national data-sharing partnerships** such as the Postsecondary Employment Outcomes and National Student Clearinghouse.

Recommendation 2: Build research capacity, both internally and externally, and promote the use of the longitudinal datasets

- Develop a **research agenda collaboratively** with participating agencies and in alignment with state goals for student success and workforce development.
- Establish an **executive-level data liaison** and support staff.
- Create a **statewide campaign** aimed at education and workforce stakeholders to promote the value and use of connected data.

Recommendation 3: Publish findings in more accessible and usable formats targeted to specific audiences such as parents, students, and policymakers

- Create a **comprehensive repository** of education-related reports and dashboards.
- Establish **standards for reporting**.
- Design reports with **key audiences** in mind.
- Examine **data usage metrics** to better understand usage and access.



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