



theRPgroup

Research • Planning • Professional Development
for California Community Colleges

Fact Sheet

Signature Events

Strengthening Student Success Conference

Held annually since 2006, this 2.5 day event hosts a unique and wide cross-section of CCC attendees who come to share knowledge and learn, with a focus on improving institutional effectiveness, student success, and equitable outcomes.

The RP Conference

The largest gathering of CCC institutional researchers and planners in California, this annual event connects IRP professionals with representatives and updates from the CCC Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) and other higher education partners.

Premier Professional Development + Learning Opportunities

Leading from the Middle Academy

Our annual year-long leadership program provides transformational and sustained professional development for community college “middle” leaders, helping them actualize their potential to move the needle on student success.

Summer Institute

This bi-annual program teaches new researchers and planners the foundational skills they need to succeed in their Institutional Research and Planning (IRP) roles.

Regional Research Groups

The RP Group regularly hosts in-person roundtables across the state where pressing topics, shared experiences, effective practices, and community are shared.

Drive-In Workshops + Webinars

We offer in-person and online presentations on specific topics of interest to help educate CCC professionals on research findings, effective methods, technical skills, and more.

Defining Research and Evaluation

We generate meaningful evidence on key topics through research and evaluation that community college stakeholders can use to make decisions and take action — all to improve the lives of students. Pioneering projects include...

Student Support (Re)defined

Since its release in 2012, this landmark project sparked a movement across the CCC system, with colleges using the findings for ground-level action, underscoring that student voices are a powerful motivator for change. To date, the RP Group has delivered more than 70 presentations to thousands of educators and policymakers on the key findings and themes resulting from the study.

Multiple Measures Assessment Project (MMAP)

Recognized as one of the top promising practices for students in developmental courses, MMAP, and two of its user guides, were referenced in the Institute of Education Sciences' *What Works Clearinghouse* Practice Guide.

CAI, OEI and EPI Evaluations

The RP Group is leading the evaluation of three important statewide initiatives: Common Assessment Initiative (CAI), Online Education Initiative (OEI), and the Education Planning Initiative (EPI), providing ongoing feedback and definitive insights to these projects and their partners.

Other Key Projects

- AB1417 Performance Framework for the California Community Colleges (ARCC)
- Basic Skills as the Foundation for Success in the California Community Colleges (i.e., Poppy Copy)
- Bridging Research, Information, and Culture (BRIC) Initiative

- California Acceleration Project (CAP) Evaluation
- Beyond Financial Aid
- CTE Outcomes Survey
- Focusing Accreditation on Quality Improvement
- Transfer Velocity Project
- Basic Skills Cohort Progress Tracker
- EOPS Impact Study
- Serving Foster Youth in California Community Colleges
- Hewlett Leaders in Student Success Recognition

Powerful Presentations

The RP Group delivers more than 30 presentations per year in California and beyond, providing insights on critical topics, highlighting effective practices, and pioneering IRP methodologies.

Awards that Honor

We recognize individuals, projects, and organizations who have done great things in higher education through our annual RP and Lifetime Achievement Awards.

Key Resources + Publications

IRP Survey

This annual survey provides powerful, relevant insights to improve and inform research practices within CCCs.

Listservs

These staple email forums are fast, powerful communication channels for our colleagues to solve problems and share updates in real-time.

Perspectives

Our bi-monthly newsletter offers engaging, deep insights into pressing topics in the field.

RP Super Brief

This monthly e-newsletter offers a quick, but comprehensive, snapshot of news, events, opportunities, and people in the field.

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