Fact Sheet (2020)

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 leadership development for community college “middle” leaders.

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.

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, underscoring that student voices are a powerful motivator for change. To date, the RP Group has delivered more than 100 presentations to thousands of educators and policymakers on the study’s key findings and themes.

Multiple Measures Assessment Project (MMAP)
MMAP is a well known project that began in 2014 and delivered a multiple measures approach to remedial education. In recent years, it has produced research around AB 705 and college implementation around the 2018 law.

Through the Gate Transfer Study
A multi-phase, multi year project that reframes the goal of transfer to that of a transfer continuum. The project seeks to help identify insights and factors from students that increase capacity to transfer.

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
We deliver 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
IRPE Survey — Annual survey providing powerful, relevant insights to improve and inform research practices within CCCs.
RP Listserv — Two-way communication channel for colleagues to solve problems and share updates in real-time.
Perspectives — Semi-annual newsletter offering insights into local approaches to a myriad of topics of interest to the field.
Super Brief — Monthly e-newsletter sharing snapshots of news, events, and resources for the field.
For Good Measure — Monthly email series exclusively for new and developing IRPE professionals.

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