

# Why Guided Pathways? Why Now?

#### More than ever....

- Students are depending on California Community Colleges for education, career training and social mobility.
- The State of California is depending on California Community Colleges for economic improvement and to close the skills gap.



"...[open-door] colleges designed to maximize course enrollment are not well designed to maximize completion of high-quality programs of study. In particular, the emphasis on low-cost enrollment has encouraged colleges to offer an array of often-disconnected courses, programs and support services that students are expected to navigate mostly on their own." -Redesigning America's Community Colleges: A Clearer Path to Student Success (Bailey, Jaggars & Jenkins)

Research shows that students are more likely to complete on time if they **identify a career goal** early on, have a **clear outline of the courses required**, and receive **consistent guidance and support** along the way. We need to structure our colleges to more effectively support students through this progression.



Robust planning and implementation activities will fully leverage recent state investments in student success and ensure that college instructional and support programs are effectively integrated to help students succeed.



The Guided Pathways framework will assist colleges in improving student achievement outcomes by focusing efforts throughout the system on effective practices and interventions and integrating planning across all divisions.



Through a thoughtful implementation of redesigned programs and support services, California Community Colleges will set a new trajectory for greater student success, guided by the continued and collective efforts of faculty, staff and students.



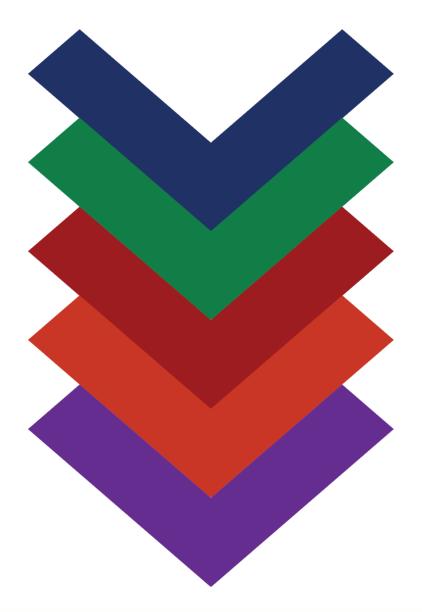
#### What's Different About Guided Pathways?

#### Guided Pathways represents a comprehensive approach to improving student completion

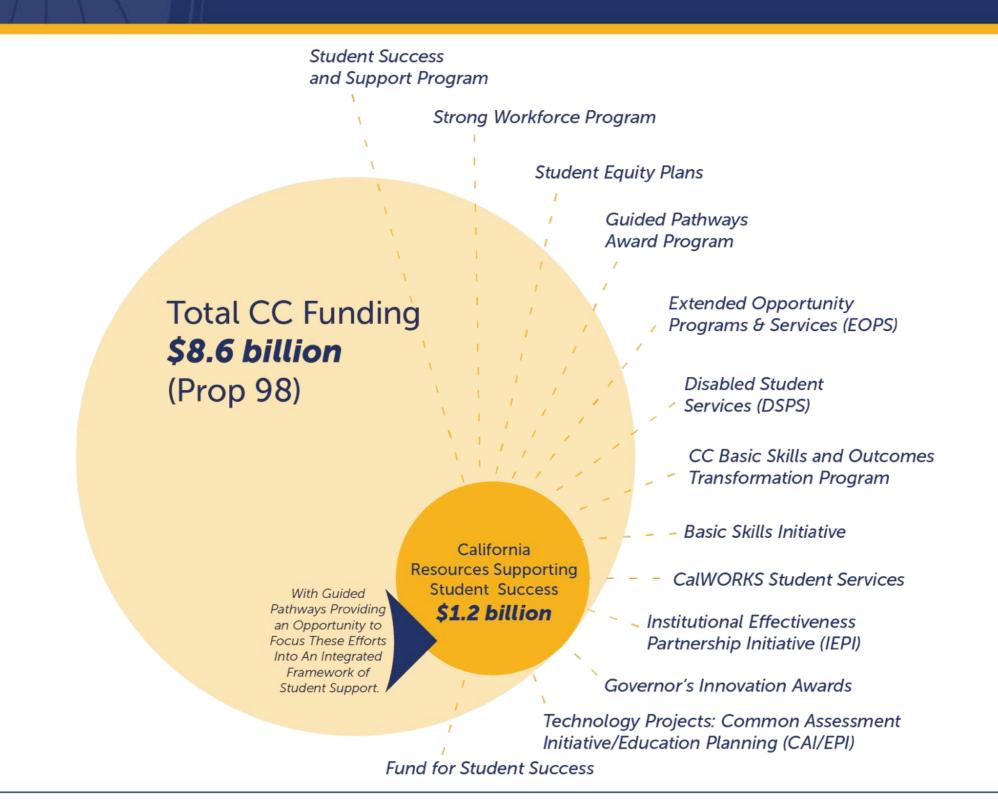
- Focuses on institutional transformation
- Provides an overarching framework to integrate diverse initiatives and reforms underway
- Brings together evidence-based practices into a more coherent whole
- Emphasizes interventions that work at scale
- Creates clear-intentioned, well-sequenced curriculum and program design
- Keeps students at the center of the (re)design process
- Is an evidence-based approach that comprehensively addresses the conditions needed for students to thrive and complete their goals

#### Why Guided Pathways Now?

Guided Pathways Focuses Efforts Throughout the System and Leverages the Great Work Already Being Done

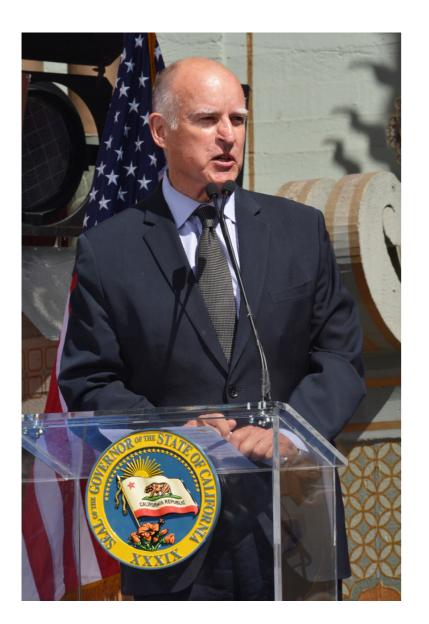


#### **Guided Pathways Funding** Leverages ALL CCC Funding in Support of Student Success





#### **Support is Available for Implementation**



 In 2017, California leaders allocated \$150 million from Prop. 98 funds for awards to community colleges to develop Guided Pathways Frameworks to support students.

• All 114 California Community Colleges are eligible to receive award funding.



For More Information:

## Visit iepi.cccco.edu/guided-pathways

# or email COGuidedPathways@cccco.edu

