

# California Community Colleges Chancellors Office Basic Needs Presentation

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CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

# California Community College Statistics

- 72 Community College Districts
- 114 Community Colleges
- 2.3 million Community College students



# California Community College: Vision for Success

- Increase completion rates (20%)
- Increase transfer rates (35%)
- Decrease unit accumulation (from 87 units to 79)
- Increase Career Technical Education employment in field of study (from 60% to 69%)
- Reduce local equity gaps (40%)
- Reduce regional equity gaps completely in 10 years

<https://vision.foundationccc.org/looking-ahead>





# National Research Community College Students Wisconsin Hope Lab Report: Hungry and Homeless in College

- 33,000 CC students surveyed
- 24 States/70 community colleges
- 2 in 3 students reported food insecure
- 50% of students reported housing insecure
- 13-14% of students reported homeless status



# Los Angeles Community College District Basic Needs Research

- District-wide survey
- 5,925 students participated:
  - 62.7% students reported food insecurity
  - 55% students reported housing insecurity
  - 18.6% students reported being homeless





# CCC Basic Needs Survey

- In 2017, the Chancellor's Office conducted system-wide CCC survey to faculty, staff and administrators regarding available basic needs resources and supports available to students:
  - 105 CCC responded
  - 239 individual responses



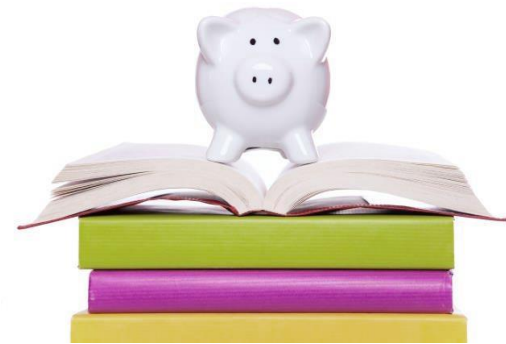
# CCC Basic Needs Survey Results

- 68.4% reported availability of food pantry on campus
- 61.7% reported support services to students enrolling in CalFresh benefits
- 60.8% reported “Other” available food resources: meal vouchers, grocery gift cards and farmers market products



# Available Funding & Resources

- Hunger Free Campus Funds \$2.5 million one-time funds
- California Community College Mental Health Program \$4.5 million in one-time funds





# Hunger Free Campus Programs

- \$2.5 million in support of student food security
  - Establish or enhance campus-based food pantries
  - Ensure that students have information about CalFresh (food stamp) benefits
- Funds are available to all CCC facilitating the required activities



# Hunger Free Campus Programs: Progress to Date

- Conducted 11 regional CalFresh enrollment trainings: designed to educate faculty & staff about the CalFresh application process
  - 82 CCC participated
  - 500 faculty and staff in attendance



# Hunger Free Campus Programs: Progress to Date

- Chancellors Office is providing technical assistance to CCC to support establishing local partnerships including:
  - County CalFresh staff
  - State and local food banks



# Intersegmental Higher Education Alliance

- California higher education partners in policy/program/research workgroup
- Chancellors Office assembled internal Basic Needs workgroup including CCC leadership to develop strategies to support student food, housing and other basic needs



## Leveraging External Resources

- California Department of Social Services: CalFresh application “how to guide” for students
- United States Department of Agriculture: Developing a guide for colleges interested in accepting CalFresh benefits on campus
- CSU Chico to expand contracting opportunity to do formal on-campus CalFresh Outreach activities





# Basic Needs Summit

- Hosting first annual Basic Needs Summit  
Sacramento Doubletree April 26-27, 2018
- Event will include workshops and panel presentations covering topics including food security, housing, health and mental health services, and college affordability.



# California Community College Mental Health Program

- Facilitated competitive Request for Application process,
- Tentatively selected 15 California community colleges to administer the funds,
- Following formal approval process, selected colleges will begin operationalizing efforts on 05/01/2018



# CCC MHP Project Objectives

- Providing direct mental health services to CCC students,
- Providing training to faculty, staff, and students regarding prevention and early intervention services for students,
- Providing suicide prevention training to CCC faculty, staff, and students, and
- Developing formal referral networks with county and/or community based mental health service providers



# System wide Resources

- Kognito Online Suicide Prevention Training: Avatar based gatekeeper training for faculty, staff and students
  - Six distinct training modules
  - 15,000 faculty, staff, and students per year
  - 65,000+ faculty, staff, and students from program inception



# System wide Resources

**Crisis Text Line:** Chancellor's Office is collaborating with Crisis Text Line, a national organization that facilitates text-based mental health support

- Targeted Crisis Text Line service for CCC students,
- Designated word for CCC students "courage"
- Crisis Text Line services available 24/7
- 500 Crisis line toolkits distributed across CCC





# System wide Resources

- Chancellors Office, in partnership with the CCC Health Services Association and the CCC Online Education Initiative are developing student facing online Health, Wellness and Basic Needs modules in Canvas the CCC online education platform. Sample topics include:

-Food Security	-Stress Management
-Mental Health	-Physical Health
- Nutrition	-Time Management
- Sleep Hygiene	-Emergency Preparedness



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