

# APASS SURVEY - TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

## State Agency Representatives

### Part I: Introduction

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am calling from the University of Illinois to gather information on emerging academic pathways that facilitate student transition from high school to college. We are particularly concerned with **underserved students**, including minority, financially disadvantaged, and first generation college students. Our project is funded by the Lumina Foundation for Education.

I would like to ask you about what your state is doing related to academic pathways to college. Our conversation is expected to take about 20 minutes. With your permission, the information that we discuss will be shared with others and may include your name and contact information, if you are comfortable with that. Is it OK for us to share your contact information with other people who want to know more about what your state is doing?

\_\_\_\_\_yes

\_\_\_\_\_no

Would it be okay to tape record so that I don't miss anything?

\_\_\_\_\_yes

\_\_\_\_\_no

TAPE No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Interviewee name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency scope:

\_\_\_\_K-12

\_\_\_\_Higher Education

\_\_\_\_Community Colleges or Other 2-Year Colleges

\_\_\_\_Other \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Part II: Pathways Overview

I am first going to ask a few broad questions about the academic pathways found within your state. We use the term **academic pathways** to mean curriculum or organizational structures that span the boundary between high school and college to enhance student transition to college. We are specifically concerned with pathways that make a special effort to reach traditionally underserved students.

### PATHWAYS

1a. We have identified several academic pathways that link high school and college. As I read this list please let me know which ones exist in your state.

(READ LIST; CHECK ALL THAT APPLY. CHECK “NO” OR “DK” AS APPROPRIATE)

1b. There are a number of school reforms that exist around the country, including small schools, career academies, and charter schools. Some deliberately link the curriculum of a high school with that of a college. Are there any examples of high schools with clear curriculum links to colleges in your state? If so, could you describe them?

(FILL IN DETAILS UNDER SCHOOL REFORM MODELS; IF NEEDED, PROMPT FOR REASONS WHY THEY SHOULD BE INCLUDED)

1c. In constructing our list we may have missed a pathway that is found within your state. Do you know of any additional pathways within your state?

(FILL IN UNDER “OTHER”)

### STUDENTS

1d. I want to focus now on those pathways that do exist in your state. Do any of these pathways make special efforts to reach traditionally underserved students? Examples would be racial and ethnic minorities, low income students, immigrants, low academic achievers, incarcerated youth, rural or urban youth, etc. I’ll read through the pathways again. Please tell me if any of them are making special efforts to reach underserved students?

(GO BACK THROUGH THE PATHWAYS THAT ARE CHECKED. ENTER THE CODE FROM THE STUDENT TYPOLOGY LIST.)

### POLICY

1e. I now want to briefly look at the ways the state supports these pathways. Are any of these pathways guided by state legislation or policy? Do they receive state funding?

(READ LIST; FOR THOSE PRESENT, SHOW CODE AND PROVIDE DETAILS)

L=legislation or state law

P=policy, rules, regulations, codes

F= funding provided by a state agency from state or federal sources

1f. FOLLOW UP: Does the state mandate this pathway or require that certain students have access?

(IF SO, MARK M=mandate AND PROVIDE DETAILS)

	Present			Targeted students				State Support				
	Yes √	No √	DK √	Yes √	No √	DK √	<i>Insert bolded code e.g. AA</i>	Yes √	No √	DK √	L (legislation) P (policy) F (funding)	M (mandate)
Dual Credit/ Dual Enrollment												
Bridge Programs												
Tech Prep												
AP												
IB												
CLEP												
Early or Middle College HS												
Distance Learning/ Virtual School												
GED in college setting												
School Reform (high school)												
Other												
Other												

2. Here are some of the types of academic pathways that we have been discussing \_\_\_\_\_*NAME*\_\_\_\_\_. Can you refer us to other people in your state government who are especially knowledgeable about any of these?

SELECT PATHWAYS FROM LIST FOR WHICH MORE INFORMATION IS NEEDED.

**PATHWAY**\_\_\_\_\_

NAME\_\_\_\_\_AGENCY\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER\_\_\_\_\_E-MAIL\_\_\_\_\_

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## Part V: Final Points

A few more general questions...

3. Among the pathways we discussed, which do you consider to be the highest priority in your state and why?

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4. Speaking generally, what are the lessons that have been learned in your state related to the implementation of these pathways?

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5. We would like to make contact with some programs or institutions that are implementing particularly effective and replicable models of this academic pathway in your state. Could you please suggest a few with whom we might follow up.

**[Name of Pathway: \_\_\_\_\_]**

Organization/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Why recommended: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Why recommended: \_\_\_\_\_

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Why recommended: \_\_\_\_\_

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Organization/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Why recommended: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Is there anything else you think we should know about these pathways in your state?

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7. Would it be OK if we contact you again in the future if we need further information about any of these pathways?

\_\_\_\_\_yes

\_\_\_\_\_no

**Thank you very much for your help with this survey!!**