



## P-20 CONNECTS Implementation Task Force Purposes, Goals, and Timeline Fall 2015

**Introduction:** The P-20 CONNECTS Implementation Task Force follows the work of an initial task force which in 2014-15 identified and articulated the mission, purposes, and foci of the Maryland-District of Columbia Campus Compact's (MDCCC) "Communities Organizing Networks Now to Engage Citizens Through Service" (CONNECTS) initiative. P-20 CONNECTS, as described in this Task Force's White Paper ([www.mdccc.org/events/pi/connects.html](http://www.mdccc.org/events/pi/connects.html)), will bring together K-12, higher education, and community-based organizations (CBOs) across Maryland and the District of Columbia to use student community-based learning and service-learning as strategies to address agreed-upon local needs and build college, career, and civic readiness of student participants.

P-20 CONNECTS is based on the idea that needs and challenges related to college, career, and civic readiness cross and impact all sectors of society. Only collective action by key K-12, higher education, and community stakeholders can ensure that all students graduate ready for college, technical training, the workforce, and/or the meaningful civic participation needed in our increasingly complex and technology-based global society.

**Roles of P-20 CONNECTS Implementation Task Force:** Promulgated and endorsed by key stakeholders across education institutions and community organizations in the MDCCC region, P-20 CONNECTS is now moving into the implementation stage. To guide this process, a second task force is being formed. The goals of the P-20 CONNECTS Implementation Task Force are to

1. Identify, review, select, and then recommend/market strategies, models, best practices, and examples of CONNECTS-type partnerships that communities across the MDCCC region can adopt or adapt to implement P-20 CONNECTS collaborations and programs;
2. Identify sources of support for the development of P-20 CONNECTS programs in local K-12, higher education, and community partnerships across the MDCCC region;
3. Articulate ways to track, assess, and evaluate P-20 CONNECTS programs; and
4. Recommend ways and platforms for recognizing and supporting the replication of successful P-20 CONNECTS models and pilots.

**Constitution of the Task Force:** The P-20 CONNECTS Implementation Task Force will comprise 15-20 members who represent K-12, higher education, and community-based organizations, to include a combination of administrators, educators, program coordinators, evaluators, and representatives from associations focusing on education, career readiness, and nonprofit organizations.

**Timeline and Meeting Schedule:** The Task Force is being formed. The goal is to meet 4-5 times in Fall 2015 to address the above four goals. MDCCC will provide staff support for the work of the Task Force.

**Roles of MDCCC:** Building on the work of the Implementation Task Force, MDCCC will

- Educate K-12, higher education, and community stakeholders on the purposes and benefits of CONNECTS;
- Disseminate information on and models for implementing P-20 CONNECTS programs;
- Find ways to support implementation of P-20 CONNECTS partnerships and programs;

- Ensure the inclusion of the most at-risk students in P-20 CONNECTS initiatives;
- Evaluate and assess P-20 CONNECTS programs;
- Recognize and disseminate successful initiatives; and
- Provide guidance on how to improve, expand, and sustain P-20 CONNECTS programming.

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