



# Puget Sound College and Career Network

## Postsecondary Transition Demonstration Project

PSCCN is excited to announce our 2021 Postsecondary Transition Demonstration Project. From February - November 2021, PSCCN will facilitate two separate partnerships. Each partnership comprised of 1 district partner and 1-2 community and technical college partners. The PSCCN Demonstration Project will be focused on significantly improving equity in college access and completion student outcomes for the class of 2021. Over this 10 month period PSCCN will work closely with each partnership, guiding them through a continuous improvement framework, while leveraging internal strategies and resources, and build on mutually beneficial data that supports postsecondary access and success.

This demonstration project builds off of the learnings from our Postsecondary Transition Work Group last summer. For those who would like to learn more about the work that occurred we invite you to read our newsletter article "[Learnings From a Summer of Transition](#)". We are excited to continue our work to support students who attempt to navigate the immense personal and educational challenges presented by COVID-19 (learn more about these impacts in the National Student Clearinghouse [High School Benchmarks Report](#)).

For those interested applying to participate in the 2021 Postsecondary Transition Demonstration Project, please email [cgranlund@psed.org](mailto:cgranlund@psed.org) for more information regarding the application process.

Please note:

- Applications are due Monday, February 1st.
- We encourage districts and CTC's to apply as partners, although individual applications from districts or colleges are welcome.

We look forward to engaging in this important work with you.

## PSED Releases 2020 Report to the Community



PSESD has released its annual [Report to the Community](#), showcasing work for the first time in an interactive, web-based format. The report highlights opportunity gap-closing strategies the agency is implementing in service of its End, Success for Each Child and Eliminate the Opportunity Gap by Leading with Racial Equity. If you'd like to learn more about the stories and data shared in this year's report, you can find the interactive, web-based report in its entirety [here](#).

## Financial Aid Resources

### PSCCN's Financial Aid Toolkit

Be sure to check out [PSCCN Financial Aid Toolkit](#). Our toolkit will help give you the resources to support your students regardless of where they are in the process.

This includes resources regarding:

- FAFSA/WASFA application
- Appeals
- Verification process and more.

**WSAC** is helping to train volunteers to assist students & families. Feel free to reach out to Sarah Weiss at WSAC: [SarahWe@wsac.wa.gov](mailto:SarahWe@wsac.wa.gov) or visit the WSAC YouTube Channel for recorded training on Financial Aid.

### WSAC YouTube Channel:

- 2021-22 FAFSA/WASFA [Line by Line](#)
- Common Financial Aid [Errors](#)

Below are more resources provided by SSC TRIO Upward Bound at Tye & Evergreen HS, SSC TRIO Educational Talent Search at Evergreen HS, Tye HS College & Career Center, and Tye College Success Foundation.

### FAFSA and WASFA Video Guides:

- How to navigate [FAFSA](#)
- How to Navigate [WASFA](#)

## Opportunities for Educators



## **Grants for Washington State K-12 Public School Teachers!**

Applications are now being accepted for the "Ellison Education Grants". Grants are intended for K-12 public school teachers in Washington State. The Ellison foundation has awarded **52 grants and \$218,000** to Washington State teachers the past four years. The Ellison Foundation will award grants ranging from **\$1,000 to \$10,000** in the spring of 2021 (for use during the 2021-2022 school year).

**Applications must be submitted by March 27th, 2021.**

To learn more about the "Ellison Education Grants" please go to the following [link](#).

## News from the Region



Washington's constitution protects K-12 funding. The coronavirus will test that promise. [Click here](#) for more information

Last year, Washington lawmakers made college free for some. This year, they want to make it more accessible. [Click here](#) for more information

How COVID-19 could lead to fewer Washington students going to college in 2021 and beyond. [Click here](#) for more information.

Seattle's tuition-free community college program comes to the rescue during the pandemic. [Click here](#) for more information.

Washington state shares little data about public schools and whether coronavirus is spreading, or not. [Click here](#) for more information

Delay in vaccinating most Washington K-12 teachers, staff alarms legislators, union. [Click here](#) for more information

Could you go to college tuition-free in Washington? [Here's how to find out.](#)

The UW turned 2020 into a course. [You're invited to check it out.](#)

## Upcoming Events and Trainings



### **NCAN Webinars**

**Bridging the Gap: How High School Counselors, CBOs & College Staff Can Come Together to Better Serve Students**  
Wednesday, January 20  
10 - 11 AM PT  
[Register here.](#)

**Innovative FAFSA Completion Strategies: A Conversation with Practitioners**  
Wednesday, January 27  
10 - 11 AM PT  
[Register here.](#)

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