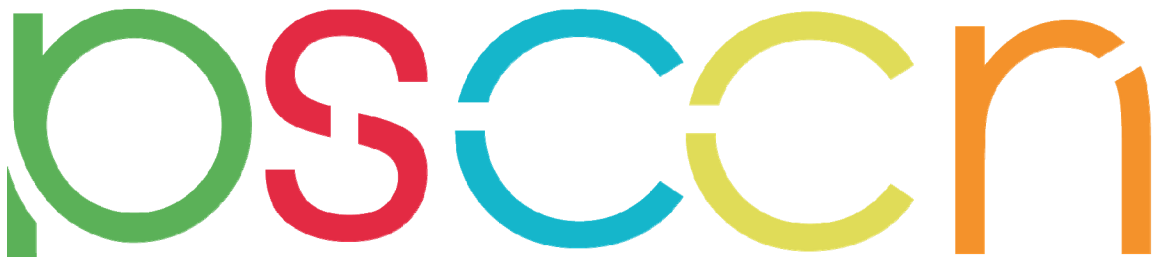


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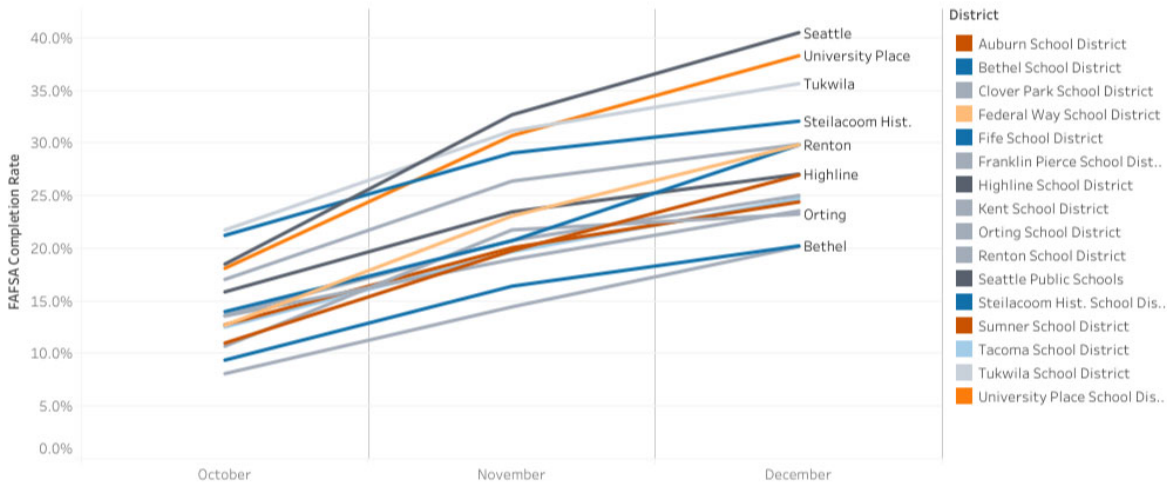
**PSCCN Welcomes Jonathan Joseph**



Jonathan Joseph joins the PSCCN team as the Director of Postsecondary Strategic Development. His professional background includes community advocacy and working to elevate the lived experience of people by challenging or disrupting policy and decision-making systems. In his previous role as Executive Director of Tukwila Children's Foundation, he worked to foster an organization grounded in the experience of students and families in the community. His work has helped create actionable systems that decolonize wealth, provide direct service aid to students, and elevate student voice within Washington State Education Board policy. Jonathan holds two Master's degrees from the University of Washington, majoring in Urban Planning and Public Health respectively. He also holds a Bachelor in Law and Justice from Central Washington University. Please join us in welcoming him to our team!

## Financial Aid Resources

FAFSA Completion Rates: School District Comparison by School Year



January is a great time to check financial aid completion rates across the region. Using the WSAC portal, you can visualize completion rates for your school direct or get a [regional snapshot](#). As we celebrate these completion rates, here are some resources to aid your efforts.

### Financial Aid Toolkit

PSCCN has a [Financial Aid Toolkit](#) that equips educators, youth program workers, and others assisting students with navigating the financial aid application process, including completing financial aid forms. We also offer technical assistance in coaching and professional development. For additional information on financial aid [click here](#) or contact us at [pccn@psed.org](mailto:pccn@psed.org).



**Financial Aid 201  
Understanding Verification, Appeals and Award Letters**

PSCCN, in partnership with WSAC, is hosting a virtual Financial Aid 201 workshop on **March 1, 2023**. This workshop will cover many Financial Aid application topics for educators, or anyone advising students and families. Completing and submitting the FAFSA or WASFA is the first step for students to access financial aid for their postsecondary education.

Topics covered in this training will include:

- Financial aid verification
- Appeals
- Award letters

To register for the training, [click this link](#).

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**Financial Aid Navigation**

Refresh your financial aid navigation knowledge with these videos from the last year's training sessions by clicking on the links below.

**Workshop Video Links:**

- [Financial Aid: 101](#) 11/07/22
- [Financial Aid: 201](#) 03/01/22

## Student Opportunities



### Washington State Governors' Scholarship for Foster Youth

The Washington State Governors' Scholarship for Foster Youth is a scholarship program that helps young men and women from foster care continue their education and earn a college degree.

To learn more, [click here](#).

Application deadline: **1/31/23**

Document Submission Deadline: **2/7/23**

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### Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program

The ETV Program is a national program for youth who qualify and are likely to age out of the foster care system. ETV offers financial assistance to eligible youth to attend an accredited college, university, vocational or technical college. The maximum ETV award is \$5,000 per academic year.

For more information, [click here](#).

Priority application cycle: **January 1st to April 30th, 2023**

## News from the Region



Why the state's education leader says WA schools are 'accelerating?' A top state education official said, graduation rates are holding steady, enrollments are picking up and school districts are on track to spend their federal pandemic relief funds. [Click here](#) for more information.

More than two-thirds of the state's new jobs over the next five years will require some schooling beyond high school, according to projections from consulting firm [Kinetic West](#). A [new survey](#) of Washingtonians without postsecondary credentials suggests that while some don't see the need to get additional schooling, most see higher education as valuable, but face cost barriers and other obstacles. [Click here](#) for more information.

Lawmakers revisit an issue [they started working on before the pandemic](#) to fund and improve the education services that help roughly 158,449 disabled kids around the state in 2019. [Click here](#) for more information on special education spending, oversight top priorities for WA lawmakers.

National school choice week provides parents with helpful information regarding postsecondary options available to better support their children. [Click here](#) to find out what K-12 Options are available to Washington families.

Ubuntu means the essence of humanity is to recognize the humanity of others. The concept of Ubuntu was invoked at the 'From Mass Incarceration to Mass Liberation' workshop for the Seattle MLK Jr at Washington Hall. [Click here](#) for more information about the Black Prisoners Caucus is dismantling the pipeline from poverty to prison.

### **Meet the 2023 Student Voices Writers**

For its seventh year, The Seattle Times Student Voices project has invited eight Washington teens and young adults to detail their experiences and suggest how schools can better support students in overcoming language, financial and transportation barriers, among other obstacles. [Click here](#) for more information about these young writers.

## **Upcoming Events and Trainings**



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# SAVE THE DATE

Virtual Financial Aid Night!

1/26/23 5-8pm

\*Help with FAFSA & WASFA

\*Looking to partner please reach out!

\*Translation services available

\*More details to come in January

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Reach out to  
[mpico@collegesuccessfoundation.org](mailto:mpico@collegesuccessfoundation.org)

This training will provide individualized student support for:

- FAFSA& WASFA completion
- Assistance with translation.

For more information about the training, please reach out to the college success foundation via [mpico@collegesuccessfoundationsation.org](mailto:mpico@collegesuccessfoundationsation.org).

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