Introducing a new SHEEO Learning Community
State Higher Education Priorities

❖ College Completion & State Attainment Rates
❖ Addressing Equity Gaps
❖ Workforce and Economic Development

REPORT: State Priorities for Higher Education in 2023: Survey of SHEEOs

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SHEEO Mission

Promoting equitable attainment through

➢ Statewide public policies and academic practices
➢ Capacity development
➢ Research about evidence-based best practices
➢ Coalition development
ASAP|ACE National Replication Collaborative at CUNY

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WHAT IS ASAP?
Accelerated Study in Associates Program (ASAP) Model

COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM COMPONENTS

High Touch Advisement

ACADEMIC MOMENTUM
INTEGRATION AND BELONGING
TIMELY AND RELEVANT SUPPORTS

EVALUATION AND DATA USE FOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT
CUNY System Scaling of ASAP|ACE

ASAP Enrollment by Academic Year: All Cohorts
AY 2007-2008 to AY 2022-2023

ASAP ACE COLLABORATIVE

ASAP PARTNER COLLEGE CONSORTIUM
- ACE COLLEGE
- ASAP COLLEGE
- ACE/ASAP COLLEGE
- CUNY OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
CUNY data shows the most recent average 3-yr completion rate across 10 ASAP cohorts is **49.9%** - double the rate of a matched statistical comparison group.

Subgroup analysis shows that ASAP may narrow existing graduation gaps for Black and Hispanic males and that **all** subgroups of students benefit from the program.

Cost-benefit studies found ASAP cost-effective with social and economic return-on-investment (ROI).

These results have held up in **multiple** replication studies.
Benefits Offered Through the CUNY ASAP National Replication Collaborative

- Long-term access to a national network of colleges committed to student success and increasing graduation rates.
- Professional development and ongoing support for key replication program staff.
- High-touch, customized technical assistance led by a dedicated replication team to support the implementation of the award-winning, evidence-based ASAP model.
- Guidance designing a comprehensive evaluation approach and a robust data management system.
- Opportunities for regular engagement with the CUNY ASAP community.
- Unlimited access to a comprehensive archive of electronic materials to support the replication process.
Current Replication Collaborative Partners

★ CA (6 campuses)
★ NY
  ○ CUNY (13 campuses)
  ○ SUNY (1+10 campuses)
★ NC (3 campuses)
★ OH (3 campuses)
★ PA (1 campus)
★ TN (1 campus)
★ WV (2 campuses)
NATIONAL SCALING HAS POTENTIAL FOR HIGH-IMPACT CHANGE

What if CUNY ASAP Was Replicated from Coast to Coast?

https://www.thirdway.org/blog/what-if-cuny-asap-was-replicated-from-coast-to-coast

There’s a proven fix for an urgent education problem — Congress should embrace it

BY KELLY MCMANUS AND SHRUTIKA SABARWAL, OPINION CONTRIBUTORS - 09/03/23 7:00 PM ET


Community colleges pay student expenses beyond tuition hoping to boost graduation rates

SHEEO and the ASAP|ACE National Replication Collaborative at CUNY are partnering to establish and launch a focused learning community among state higher education leaders committed to replicating the CUNY ASAP model at scale to increase community college completion rates.

A key objective of this project is to address racial equity gaps (especially for Black and Latinx students) through strategic statewide scaling of the ASAP model.
5 states will be selected from an RFP process and awarded $50,000 planning grants to move through a year-long engagement including intensive technical assistance from SHEEO, the ASAP|ACE National Replication Collaborative at CUNY, and other organizational partners with topic-specific subject matter expertise. Technical assistance activities and strategic planning consultation for state planning teams will center on:

- Coalition Building and Making the ROI Case
- Aligning ASAP Replication to State Higher Education Priorities
- Planning for Equity-Based, Systems-Scaled Replication Projects
- Sustainable Budgeting and Productive Funding Models
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NYC CONVENING - ANTICIPATED NOVEMBER 2-3, 2023

Day 1
- Networking Reception & Dinner
- Plenary Remarks
- SHEEO Fireside Chat w/special guests

Day 2
- Technical Assistance Workshop Sessions
  - Planned speakers: CUNY ASAP|ACE, Replication Partners, SHEEO, Partner Orgs
- Team Debrief & Planning Time
- Identify Actionable Next Steps
ANTICIPATED VIRTUAL LEARNING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Learning Community Technical Assistance Sessions
  - Re-Cap Scaling, Scoping, and Strategy Considerations (Dec/Jan ‘24)
  - Data/Eval Planning for Closing Equity Gaps (Feb ‘24)
  - Coordinated Advocacy & Fundraising Efforts (March/April ‘24)

- State Planning Team Consultative Sessions
  - Initial Team Meeting (Sept/Oct ‘23)
  - Midpoint Consultation (March/April ‘24)
  - Additional Consultation (as-needed throughout)
  - Final Team Check-In (May/June ‘24)
Between sessions, state teams will be:

➢ **Coalition Building**
  ○ Coalesce and focus collaborating orgs; delineate roles
  ○ Generate ROI buy-in across the state landscape, including community college leaders

➢ **Planning for Scale**
  ○ Project scoping and real-time budgeting
  ○ Fundraising, both short and long-term
  ○ Advocacy in the policy and community college landscapes
State Team Deliverables

➢ Engagement in learning community activities
➢ Engagement in “between session” activities focused on active coalition building and replication project scoping

➢ Final Report
  ○ Template distributed in Spring 2024
  ○ Review of project engagement
  ○ Summary of correlated state action
  ○ Forecasted next steps
You may be wondering ...

Do we have to name community college partners in the RFP?
  ●  *No. We want you to name prospects but you do not need confirmed college partners yet.*

Are we required to replicate ASAP after this?
  ●  *No but, wouldn’t it be cool if you did?!*

How many community colleges should we be targeting for an initial replication project?
  ●  *CUNY recommends 3-5 campuses in an initial pilot but we’re open to what you think suits your context.*
How much does ASAP replication cost?

- This is context-specific. MDRC found the initial OH replication demonstration to be $1,840/student/year whereas they found it to be $3,900/student/year in the CUNY context. TA around real-time budgeting will be provided for the learning community.

Is RCT evaluation of ASAP replication required?

- No but you are encouraged to think ahead on how you will evaluate efficacy of your program or what other types of evaluation/studies may progress the field.
Questions & Discussion