



Understanding the Network Part 2:

Elevating Efforts as an Illinois 60 by 25 Network Leadership Community



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ILLINOIS 60 by 25 NETWORK OVERVIEW



What is 60 by 25?

“...the P-20 Council’s goal of ensuring that 60% of all Illinois adults have a high quality postsecondary degree or credential by 2025.”



What is the Illinois 60 by 25 Network?

A growing network of communities in Illinois that are committed to reaching the 60 by 2025 goal

A community of practice to help local and regional teams accelerate progress towards the goal

A powerful peer-to-peer learning network for communities to improve college and career readiness and postsecondary completion rates

Network Organizers



Illinois 60 by 25 Network Leadership Communities



2015

Aurora Regional Pathways to Prosperity

East Side Aligned

Health Professions Education Consortium of Lake County

NW Educational Council for Student Success

Peoria Pathways to Prosperity

NCI/Starved Rock Region

2016

McLean County

MORE in the Mississippi and Rock River Region

2017

Enlace Chicago

OAI/Rich Township District 227

Rockford

Thrive Chicago

Vermilion County

2018

Sangamon County Continuum of Learning

2019

Vandalia ONE

McLean COUNTY



Who is involved?

- McLean County Chamber of Commerce (backbone)
- McLean County COMPACT
- Regional Planning Commission
- Economic Development Council
- Illinois State and Illinois Wesleyan Universities
- Heartland Community College and Lincoln College
- County school districts/Bloomington Area Career Center
- ROE 17
- United Way/other county service organizations
- Career Link
- Various employers



Why did McLean County become a Leadership Community?

- Identified need for workforce development
- Common/overlapping talent pipeline goals across multiple entities, often competing for participation and resources
- Interest in career pathways development among school districts
- Previous working experience with the Lumina Foundation and their 60 by 25 national efforts

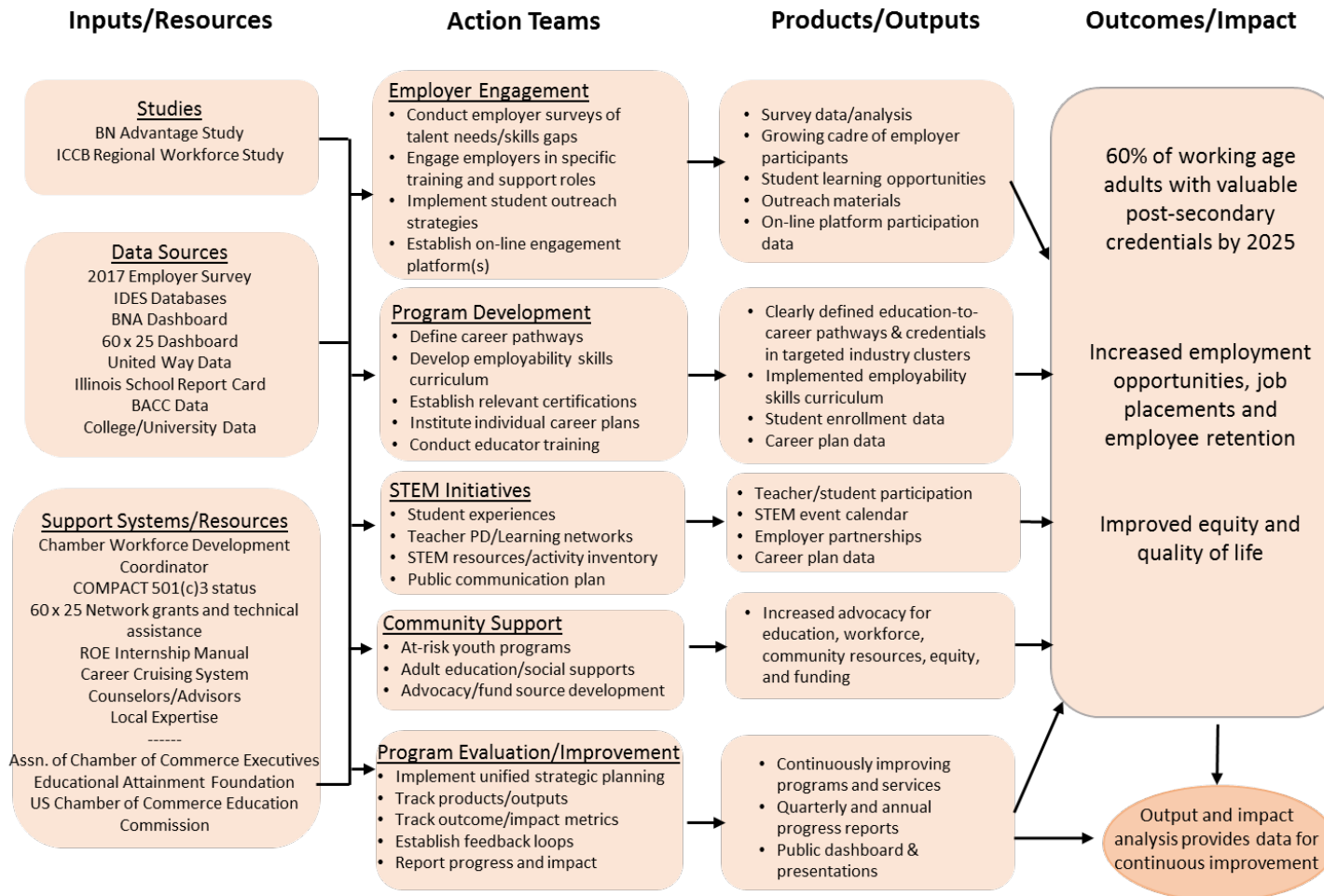


Benefits of Becoming a Leadership Community

- Coordinated strategic planning
- New streamlined structures and processes
- Dedicated full-time staffing
- Networking among partners, creating collaborative rather than competitive efforts
 - Example: New employability skills curriculum available through Heartland Community College to all partners
- Access to grant opportunities and technical assistance through NIU's EdSystems Center
- Learning from other Leadership Communities

Strategic Planning: Sample Logic Model

McLean County COMPACT Strategic Plan Logic Model



MORE

**Making Opportunities Real for
Everyone in the Rock &
Mississippi River Region**

- ▶ **Making Opportunities Real For Everyone** in the Rock and Mississippi River Region
- ▶ NW Illinois Dixon, IL to Clinton, IA
- ▶ 18 HS at Whiteside Area Career Center, Sauk Valley CC, Morrison Tech, Sauk Chamber, Clinton Regional Dev. Corp and area employers

**60 BY 25 LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY-
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Why become a leadership community?

- ▶ Saw value in regional efforts
- ▶ Believed the impact would be greater with multiple stakeholders
- ▶ Area employers needed workers
- ▶ Schools wanted to support higher ed and area employers Area employers needed workers
- ▶ Believed HS students could benefit from partnerships


- ▶ Training for collective impact partnerships from Ed. Systems
- ▶ Regional partnerships impacted public education, higher education, employers and partnering communities (Sauk Region is a known leader partnership activities)
- ▶ Grant funded projects exclusively for leadership communities (Transitional math, HS career pathway endorsements, equipment for schools, and national workforce conferences- JFF)
- ▶ Jobs for students
- ▶ Filling vacant jobs
- ▶ Increased higher education enrollment
- ▶ Partnerships with area stakeholders have produced

BENEFITS FOR LEADERSHIP COMMUNITIES



Questions?

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Thank you!
