

Detailed, monthly updates from around the Road Map Project  
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THANK YOU for reading the October issue of the Road Map Traffic Report! These updates build upon information shared in previous Traffic Reports. Please visit the [Road Map Project website](#) to view earlier issues.

## EDUCATION RESULTS NETWORK MEETING

The next Education Results Network meeting is around the corner! We hope to see you there. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP.

Education Results Network Meeting  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014  
Renton Pavilion  
233 Burnett Ave S.  
Renton, WA 98057  
[RSVP HERE](#)

## BIRTH TO 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE

### “The Raising of America: Early Childhood and the Future of our Nation”

King County Executive Dow Constantine and teams from King County government, Seattle and King County Public Health and Child Care Resources are organizing a special screening of a new documentary series, “The Raising of America,” and a discussion about what it takes to ensure King County is a community where children and families thrive. Join partners from across the Road Map Project at this event on Thursday, Nov. 20, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the IKEA Performing Arts Center at Renton High School. Child care and interpretation services are available upon request. For event details and to register, [please click here](#).

## COLLEGE & CAREER SUCCESS

### Revised Action Plan

Over the summer, the High School to College Completion Advisory Group began making revisions to the High School to College Completion Action Plan. In addition, this fall, a Postsecondary Success Committee has been working on postsecondary persistence and completion strategies, which will

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be added to the action plan. All of these revisions are nearly complete and the revised action plan will be published in December.

**College Bound Scholarship**

The state College Bound Work Group met again on Nov. 17 in Olympia. At this meeting, the work group reviewed College Bound data, received a fiscal update for the program and heard public testimony. CCER Project Associate Sylvester Cann presented College Bound recommendations that were written based on input from the High School to College Completion Advisory Group, school counselors and district staff, the College Success Foundation and other stakeholders supporting College Bound students. The College Bound Work Group also presented and discussed their [own recommendations](#), many of which mirrored the advisory group's recommendations. The College Bound Work Group plans to have a final list of recommendations in December. [Click here](#) to see the presentations from these meetings.

**Road Map to College - DiscoverU**

Thank you to everyone who participated in DiscoverU! Your involvement helped make the week a huge success! In an effort to document the great work that happened and obtain feedback for next year, the DiscoverU team developed a short online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DiscoverU14>. The survey is intended for anyone who participated in DiscoverU (teachers, district administrators, youth program workers, community members, city officials and so on). Please share with any colleagues who may have been involved in DiscoverU.

Although DiscoverU is over, please continue to put college and career in the spotlight, and join the region next year for DiscoverU – October 12-16, 2015!

**Road Map to College - College Application Events**

It's fall, which means it's time for college applications. Over 20 College Application Events are being hosted across Seattle and South King County. Whether they are just getting started researching college options or making final edits to their personal statements, all 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to these free events.

Volunteer help is critical to the success of College Application Events. Volunteers support in many ways, ranging from staffing the registration table to working one-on-one with seniors as they research colleges and edit personal statements. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, please visit [roadmaptocollege.org](http://roadmaptocollege.org).

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL)**

**World Language Credit Program**

Check out this [new video](#) about the World Language Credit Program! The World Language Credit Program emerged out of the collective impact effort

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOR EDUCATION RESULTS

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of the [Road Map Project ELL Work Group](#), and the program has grown to serve nearly 1,500 students in South King County in over 50 different languages. The program grants high school credits to students who demonstrate proficiency in another language. This honors students' diversity and skills, and allows them to excel and take other classes that make them more competitive for college and career. The World Language Credit Program received one of two Collective Impact Awards as part of the [2014 Road Map Project Awards Program](#). The World Language Credit Program team, consisting of school district partners and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, created the video as part of their award. Also, [a new report](#) was recently released that highlights the successes of the World Language Credit Program. Please spread the word to students, families and friends so that more students can receive high school credit for knowledge of another language.

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOR EDUCATION RESULTS

### Youth Program Quality Standards

The [Youth Development for Education Results Work Group](#) focused largely on youth program quality during their second meeting on Oct. 29. The [Statewide Youth Program Quality Standards](#) were launched earlier in 2014 and provide a guide for all youth programs to ensure programming can have a positive impact on students. How funders, districts and organizations of all sizes and issue areas can meet the standards will be a strand of the action plan that is developed over the course of the next year.

### Community-Based Organization Data Portal

The Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD) recently received funding to build out a portal for community-based organizations to securely and legally access and use academic data about the youth they serve. The Youth Development for Education Results Work Group will work closely with the PSESD to ensure there are sufficient supports to help youth-serving organizations effectively use the data to improve practices. The portal is an extension of the region's [Race to the Top "Project 2"](#) data transfer system.

### Exciting News at Highline College

Highline College will be offering a Bachelor of Applied Behavioral Science degree program in Youth Development, effective winter 2015.

## OPPORTUNITY YOUTH

### Action plan finished!

The Road Map Project's new [Opportunity Youth Action Plan](#) lays out a vision for linking disparate programs into a robust, regional system of re-engagement pathways that helps young adults reconnect to education and progress toward a college or career credential and living-wage work. Developed by a large, cross-sector [work group](#) over the past 10 months, the plan focuses on four broad goals: improving the supply of re-engagement

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pathways, increasing coordination, improving quality and increasing access. As the work group transitions from planning to implementation, ad hoc work teams are forming to advance different strategies in the plan.

**More web-based resources**

Resources related to Opportunity Youth have been reorganized on the Road Map Project website. This shortcut – [www.roadmapproject.org/oy](http://www.roadmapproject.org/oy) - will take you to a main page that includes information about the work group, the action plan and relevant local data. The main pages also links to three additional pages: [Opportunity Youth Resources](#), with an updated list and map of re-engagement programs in the region; [Re-Engagement Provider Network](#), where network members can find meeting materials; and the [Opportunity Youth Blog](#), which features a recent post related to Opportunity Nation’s latest annual report card.

**Aspen Opportunity Youth convening**

A team from the region attended a convening of Opportunity Youth Incentive Fund sites at the Aspen Institute in late October. Team members included two youth from the King County Youth Advisory Council and representatives from SOAR, South Seattle College, Multi-Service Center, United Way of King County, Seattle Education Access and CCER. The delegation learned a lot, contributed a lot and came home with insights and ideas to infuse into regional work. Among the highlights were learning more about the national movement that is building across the philanthropic, education, youth development and workforce development sectors and learning from colleagues, including youth, who are active in this work at other sites across the country.

**PARENT ENGAGEMENT**

**Kent School Board Presentation on Family Engagement**

Two presentations on current parent engagement efforts in the Kent School District were given to the Kent School Board on Nov. 12. The UW research team, led by Drs. Ann Ishimaru and Joe Lott, formally recognized the participation of the parents, teachers, principals and district staff in the Parent Academy for Student Achievement (PASA) design team process last spring. After the UW gave a detailed summary of the parent-led curriculum development process, parents provided powerful reflections about the process, their experiences and the curriculum. The team that attended the Harvard Family Engagement Institute in August also presented to the board. The Kent School District team included a parent, teacher, principal, community partner and two district staff. The team gave a comprehensive briefing from each of their respective vantage points on their experience at the institute, including key takeaways and pivotal next steps for building systemic parent engagement in the district. The presentation included an inspiring video made by the parent leader who attended the institute.

## **ALIGNED FUNDERS**

### **Rapid Resource Fund**

In September, the funders participating in the Road Map Rapid Resource Pooled Fund were pleased to award a grant to Youth Development Executives of King County to support the initial website development for a new youth program directory. Please contact Betsy Dennis at [bdennis@philanthropynw.org](mailto:bdennis@philanthropynw.org) for more information about the Rapid Resource Fund.

## **ADVOCACY**

### **Cradle Through College State Investment Strategy**

The language in the [Cradle Through College State Investment Strategy](#) is being further refined and presented to groups and individuals across the state interested in joining the coalition. Look for a big discussion about advocacy, including the investment strategy, at the Dec. 4 Education Results Network meeting. Please contact CCER Project Associate Sylvester Cann at [scann@ccedresults.org](mailto:scann@ccedresults.org) if you have questions or would like to join the coalition.

## **DATA**

### **Strive National Network Convening**

Two members of the CCER data team attended and presented at the 2014 Strive Cradle to Career Network Convening in October. This was a good opportunity to check in with other data teams who are also involved in the development of national best practices for data privacy and security. Major themes were acting on equity and using data to improve student outcomes. The plenary session on equity provided CCER staff with some new ideas for visualizing the opportunity gap. Data team staff will incorporate these ideas into Road Map Project publications. In both plenary and small group sessions on continuous improvement, CCER staff engaged in conversations about how to apply continuous improvement principles to program- and Road Map Project-level work. Data team members are committed to assisting in both conceptual design of continuous improvement efforts as well as making Road Map Project data available for improving programs and strategies.

### **Data Advisors Group**

Candace Gratama, the Sponsor Group representative for the Data Advisors Group (DAG), has agreed to become a co-chair of the DAG. The co-chairs (the other being Sarita Siqueiros Thornburg) are adding additional members to the DAG to ensure that, in addition to other institutions, all seven of the Road Map Project school districts are represented on the group. At the most recent DAG meeting, the group provided CCER with valuable feedback on Opportunity Youth indicators, which will be new additions to the 2014 Results Report.

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## **PROJECT SPONSORS**

### **Project Sponsors Retreat**

Thank you to everyone who worked on the planning of and attended the Project Sponsors retreat in early November. The retreat focused on institutionalized racism as a barrier to student success. The next discussion will bring the focus to identifying specific ways the Project Sponsor group can work in concert to combat racism.

Many Project Sponsors have completed or are in the process of completing their 2015 project commitments. These were available to review at the retreat and soon will be on the Road Map Project website.

The Project Sponsors considered the next round of potential project-wide advocacy priorities at the retreat. The following items were approved as project-wide priorities:

1. Request that each district adopt a “Statement of Shared Expectations around Eliminating Exclusionary Discipline.”
2. Increase district prioritization of improving systems to support ELL students.

The Advocates Caucus and the related work groups will now work to refine these proposals and develop clear next steps.