Where Did They Go?
Tools to Examine Postsecondary Success

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Class Cohorts - students who started 9th grade together, and what has happened to that group over time
Equity Gaps - Race/Ethnicity

- Graduation Rate
- Intentions
- Enrollment
- Persistence
- Completion Rate
Equity Gaps - Students with Disabilities

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PREP Dashboards

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FAFSA Dashboards

FAFSA Completion Initiative
AEA & Iowa College Aid Partnership
Why is FAFSA important?

1. Indicator of student intention to pursue post-secondary education

2. Increases the likelihood of student continuing their education beyond high school

3. 90% of high school seniors that complete a FAFSA proceed directly to college vs. 55% who don’t complete the FAFSA

4. Increases postsecondary completion - 52% of FAFSA filers complete BA within 6 years (compared to 44% of non-filers)

*National College Access Network, 2017*
Barriers to FAFSA Completion

- Assumption of ineligibility
- Time
- Understanding FAFSA (what, why)
- Complexity/Fear of complexity
- Parent/family support

Those who need it most are unlikely to complete or file late
The partnership
Iowa College Aid’s role

1. Provide [FAFSA Completion Data](#)
   - Public school level; secure student-level
   - Received from US Dept of Education

2. Promote/support FAFSA Completion efforts

3. Technical Assistance

4. Assist in the use and interpretation of data

5. Provide programming and intervention materials (posters, toolkits, etc.)
1. Distribute bi-weekly student-level FAFSA completion data
2. Promote/support FAFSA Completion efforts
3. Assist in the use and interpretation of data
4. Connect schools and programs with FAFSA completion resources
Iowa Department of Education’s Role

1. Provides updated listed of currently enrolled seniors at each Iowa HS (quarterly, based on district uploads)
   ○ *Districts will no longer ‘upload’ their own roster of seniors (effective 2018-2019 FAFSA cycle)*

2. Identify and correct errors/anomalies in student rosters
Wait, what is AEA PREP?

A subsidiary of the statewide AEA system, AEA PREP exists to:

*ensure all students are ready and prepared to succeed in a variety of postsecondary opportunities through partnerships with districts and key stakeholders to support healthy systems in an environment of equity and shared accountability*
Wait, what is AEA PREP?

AEA PREP’s mission will be achieved through:

1. the development of a statewide network of Postsecondary Readiness Leads and teams with specialized training in leading and implementing postsecondary readiness initiatives and programs

2. the collection and distribution of timely and relevant postsecondary readiness data to PK-12 districts including the creation of a statewide postsecondary data dashboard with district-specific data, including FAFSA completion data

3. the creation of a resource center for K-12 educators to improve postsecondary readiness, including the latest research, evidence-based practice, webinars, presentations, and other relevant materials
Ok, back to FAFSA

What do we get?
When do we get it?
Who will get it?
How will we get it?
FAFSA Data

fafsa.iowa.gov
Thank you!

Question or comments?

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