



College Promise: Supporting Students in College Access and Success

Capitol Hill Forum

Co-hosted by AYPF and MDRC

Capitol Visitor Center, Room HVC-201 A&B

Friday, April 26, 2019

12:00-1:30pm

#CollegePromise

Community college students face many barriers to success including tuition costs, a lack of support on campus, and academic and other barriers such as cost of books and transportation. College Promise programs, which now number more than 300 nationally, provide financial support to pay students' tuition and fees. These programs have received bipartisan support from state and municipal policymakers as a way to improve students' access to college, putting college financially in reach.

While College Promise programs have been shown to improve college access through tuition assistance, not all of them address other barriers to college success. MDRC's College Promise Success Initiative takes the College Promise program one step further by implementing evidence-based student support practices to improve college completion. This event will discuss the impact of College Promise programs and MDRC's College Promise Success Initiative on college access and success, highlighting the Detroit Promise Path. The evidence of the proven benefits of these programs is coming at the right time to inform the process of the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act in helping students access and complete college.

- 11:45am** **Registration open with lunch available**
- 12:00pm** **Welcome and Introduction**
Betsy Brand, Executive Director, American Youth Policy Forum
- 12:05pm** **Setting the stage: Background on College Promise from a national perspective**
Martha Kanter, Executive Director, College Promise Campaign
- 12:20pm** **College Promise programs and MDRC findings**
Alyssa Ratledge, Research Analyst, MDRC
- 12:35pm** **Detroit Promise Path**
Monica Rodriguez, Director of Children and Youth Services, City of Detroit Mayor's Office



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12:50pm

Respondents: College Promise and HEA reauthorization

Katie Berger, Professional Staff Member, Committee on Education & Labor, U.S. House of Representatives

Alex Ricci, Professional Staff Member, Committee on Education and Labor Republicans, U.S. House of Representatives

1:05pm

Audience Q&A

Moderator: Betsy Brand

1:30pm

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