PREPARING YOUTH FOR SUCCESS
Youth Program Strategy

FOLLOW THE STUDENT
Earning a postsecondary credential is increasingly important — to individuals and their ability to earn family-supporting wages, and to California as we face an acute shortage of qualified workers. The James Irvine Foundation Youth program strategy aims to prepare young people for success on this educational journey, from high school to postsecondary completion.

INCOME DISPARITY
70% of low-income California students who enter a 2-year college do not complete a credential within five years.

PROGRESS PERIL
58% of California community college students start in remedial courses, extending time and money to degree and reducing their odds of completion.

HIGHER EDUCATION AFFORDABILITY
58% of California high school students have completed our college readiness survey. Among these students, 64% indicate they plan to attend a postsecondary institution. Of these, 64% are financially prepared to attend. Only 36% are college-ready.

BLIGHTED區域
1:854 ratio of California students to college/career counselors — 1:250 is the recommended ratio.

DATA DRAWN FROM:
- California Department of Education
- California Community Colleges System
- Institute for Higher Education Leadership & Policy
- National Center for Education Statistics
- National Student Clearinghouse Research Center
- New England Board of Higher Education
- The Journal of Higher Education

GOAL
Increase the number of low-income young people in California who complete high school on time and earn a postsecondary credential BY AGE 25.