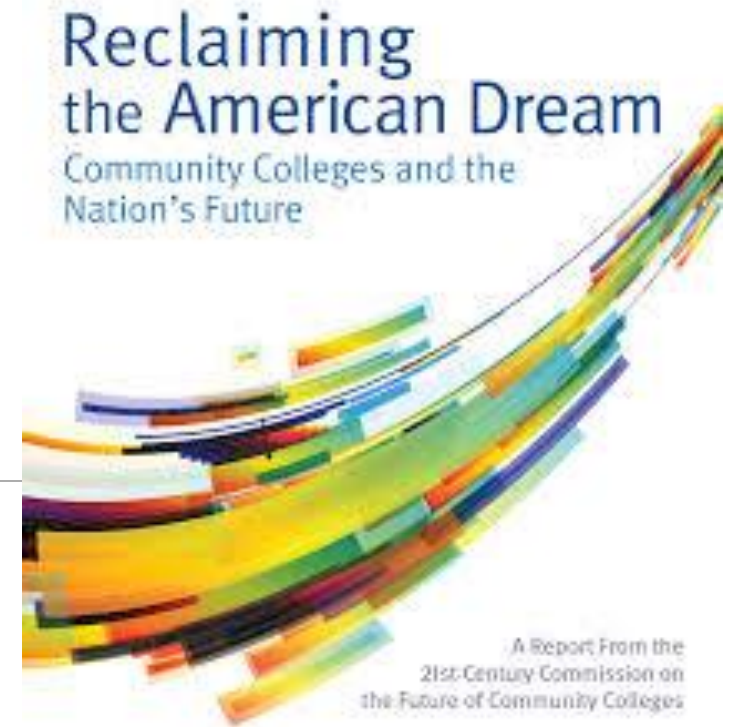


How Community Colleges Can Address Challenges of Poverty

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Community College Context

- ❖ The student experience
- ❖ Gateway to the American Dream
- ❖ Majority of low-income college students nationwide



Misplaced Precision

- ❖ Food pantry on campus
- ❖ Health center to community clinic
- ❖ Pro-bono legal services
- ❖ Comprehensive model

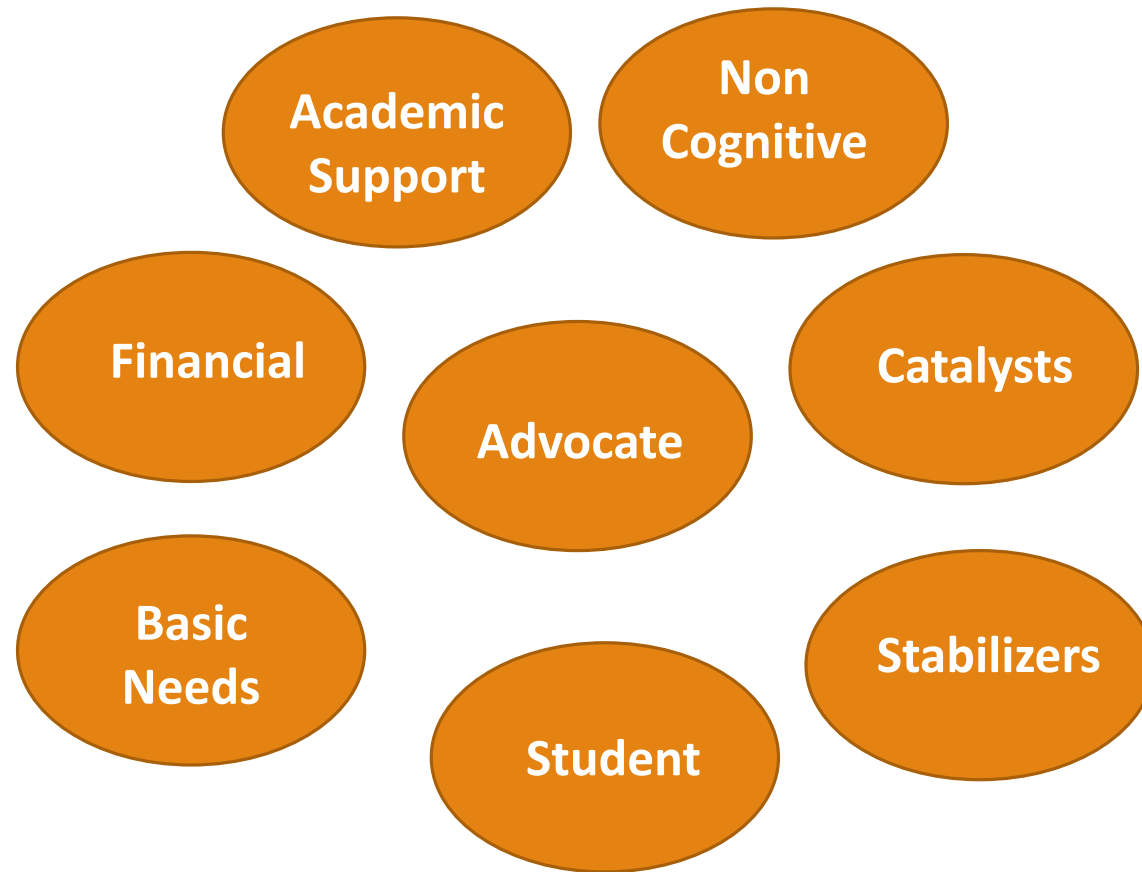


Poverty

- ❖ Household income as primary predictor of success
- ❖ Real life is beyond \$\$\$ - reality is along a continuum
- ❖ No typical profile – sudden vs inter-generational
- ❖ Issues are interlocked, layered, and complex

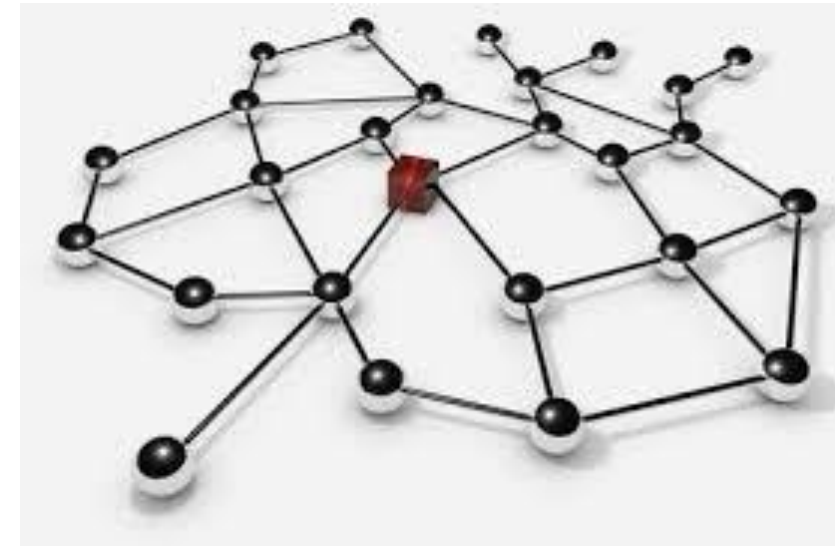


Comprehensive Model



Basic Needs

- ❖ Child Care & Elder Care
- ❖ Transportation
- ❖ Benefits Access (TANF, WIC)
- ❖ Physical & Mental Health
- ❖ Safety (Personal/Community)
- ❖ Food & Housing
- ❖ Clothing



Stabilizers

- ❖ Legal Assistance
- ❖ Emergency Fund Access
- ❖ Fresh-Start Fund
- ❖ Completion Scholarship
- ❖ Healthcare Advocate



Financial Supports

- ❖ Individual Development Account
- ❖ Tax Assistance - VITA
- ❖ Scholarship Assistance
- ❖ Financial Literacy



Catalysts

- ❖ Peer Mentors
- ❖ Workshops
- ❖ Community Allies
- ❖ Alumni Network
- ❖ Technology



Academic Supports

- ❖ Summer Bridge
- ❖ Developmental Ed/Pathways
- ❖ Mandatory Orientation
- ❖ Job Shadowing/Internship
- ❖ Career Planning
- ❖ Faculty & Staff Development
- ❖ Academic Coach



Non-Cognitive Skills

- ❖ Growth mindset
- ❖ Perseverance/Resiliency
- ❖ Motivation/Grit
- ❖ Hope



“I hope I find it in you.”

Discussion

- ❖ Think – Pair – Share
- ❖ Most meaningful, significant, powerful support?
- ❖ Greatest challenge and solutions?

