The ARCHES Network is an alliance among intersegmental, multi-sector regional collaboratives committed to eliminating opportunity, preparation, resource, and institutional barriers for students. The ARCHES College and Career Success Network (CCSN) is an ARCHES initiative convened to focus on community college student placement and transfer policies that impact higher educational attainment goals.

Placement policies and developmental coursework are intended to improve student success in college-level English and math. CCSN efforts respond to research indicating that, among community college students placed into developmental courses, just 40 percent complete a degree, certificate, or transfer in six years compared to 70 percent for students placed directly in college-level courses. In addition, a disproportionate number of African-American and Latino students are placed into developmental courses and most of these students never advance to, or successfully complete, college-level coursework.

CCSN is committed to learning ways to accelerate preparation, placement, and transfer efforts that ensure the likelihood that students will enroll, matriculate, and succeed in college. The three collaboratives engaged in this initiative – the College and Career Collaborative in Tulare-Kings counties, the Cradle to Career Collaborative in Stanislaus County, and the County College Commitment in Santa Cruz County -- share promising policies, address mutual transfer and placement challenges, and analyze customized regional data reports designed by Education Results Partnership through the Cal-PASS Plus system that help explain resource and opportunity gaps among student groups.

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