

College and Postsecondary Readiness

December 2016 PNM Resource Highlights

“Don’t Call Them Drop Outs: Understanding the Experiences of Young People Who Leave High School Before Graduation”

2014 by *America’s Promise Alliance*

Overview: A recent study conducted by the Center for Promise found no single reason for dropout but through interviews with students the Center was able to pinpoint three risk factors: toxic environment, few mentors and coaches, and lack of social support. “There are statistically significant differences between the interrupted enrollment and continuously-enrolled survey respondents with respect to life circumstances.”

Where to Find It: Go to the OSTRC Document Library at www.ostrc.org/doclibrary and click on the “Activities, Content, & Curriculum” tab. Find the report under the *Drop-Out Prevention and College Preparation* section.

“The Condition of College & Career Readiness 2016”

2016 by *ACT, Inc.*

Overview: This report looks at the progress of the 2016 ACT®-tested graduating class relative to college and career readiness. This year's report shows that 64% of students in the 2016 US graduating class took the ACT test, up from 59% in 2015 and 49% in 2011. ACT, Inc.

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Featured Information:

“Moving the Needle
for First-Generation
College Students:
Innovative Strategies
to Support
Completion”

(December 19, 2016)

American Youth Policy Forum

Summary:

This webinar will share innovative strategies at the institutional and state level to improve of the number of first-generation college students earning a postsecondary credential.

Where to find the full resource:

Go to the AYPF website: www.aypf.org. Then click on ‘Upcoming Events’ under the ‘Events’ tab on the top.

Also access here:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1431865784590721538>

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