

## 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](http://www.ostrc.org/doclibrary) and click on the "Activities, Content, & Curriculum" tab. Find the report under the *Drop-Out Prevention and College Preparation* section.

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### **"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)

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#### American Youth Policy Forum

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#### 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.

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#### Where to find the full resource:

Go to the AYPF website: [www.aypf.org](http://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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