

Florida Center for Students with
UNIQUE ABILITIES

Creating Opportunities for Students with Intellectual Disabilities in Florida's Colleges

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Today

- ▶ Federal and State support for postsecondary education programs that serve students with intellectual disabilities
- ▶ Overview of the FCSUA at UCF
- ▶ FPCTP resources
- ▶ Your role in FPCTP Development

Higher Ed Opportunity Act – 2008

PART D—PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES WITH A QUALITY HIGHER EDUCATION “SEC. 760. DEFINITIONS.

In this part: “(1) COMPREHENSIVE TRANSITION AND POSTSECONDARY PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES.—The term ‘comprehensive transition and postsecondary program for students with intellectual disabilities’ means a degree, certificate, or nondegree program

..... (D) requires students with intellectual disabilities to participate on not less than a half-time basis

“(2) STUDENT WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.—The term ‘student with an intellectual disability’ means a student— “(A) with mental retardation or a cognitive impairment, characterized by significant limitations in

Federal Guidance: 2011

- ▶ Letter to accrediting agency executive directors
- ▶ Letter to IHE financial aid offices
- ▶ Title IV provisions re: federal student aid
- ▶ Instructions to submit updated application
- ▶ Outlined CTP requirements
- ▶ IHEs must notify accrediting agency of the CTP

Federal Support: 2010 and 2015

- ▶ National center – Think College
- ▶ Model demonstration projects – TPSID projects
- ▶ Florida Consortium on Inclusive Higher Education = a TPSID Project

Florida Legislation

- ▶ The Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Act (FS 1004.6495)
- ▶ Signed into law January 21, 2016, effective July 1, 2016

The FPCTP Act

- ▶ Established the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities at UCF
- ▶ Established Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Programs (FPCTP)
- ▶ Funds scholarships for students to attend approved programs
- ▶ Funds start-up and enhancement grants to IHEs

FCSUA's Charge

- ▶ Put all the rest of the Act in place:
 - Application, submission, and approval process
 - Administer the development and enhancement grants
 - Award the scholarships to eligible students
 - Collect, analyze, and report evaluation information regarding program and student outcomes

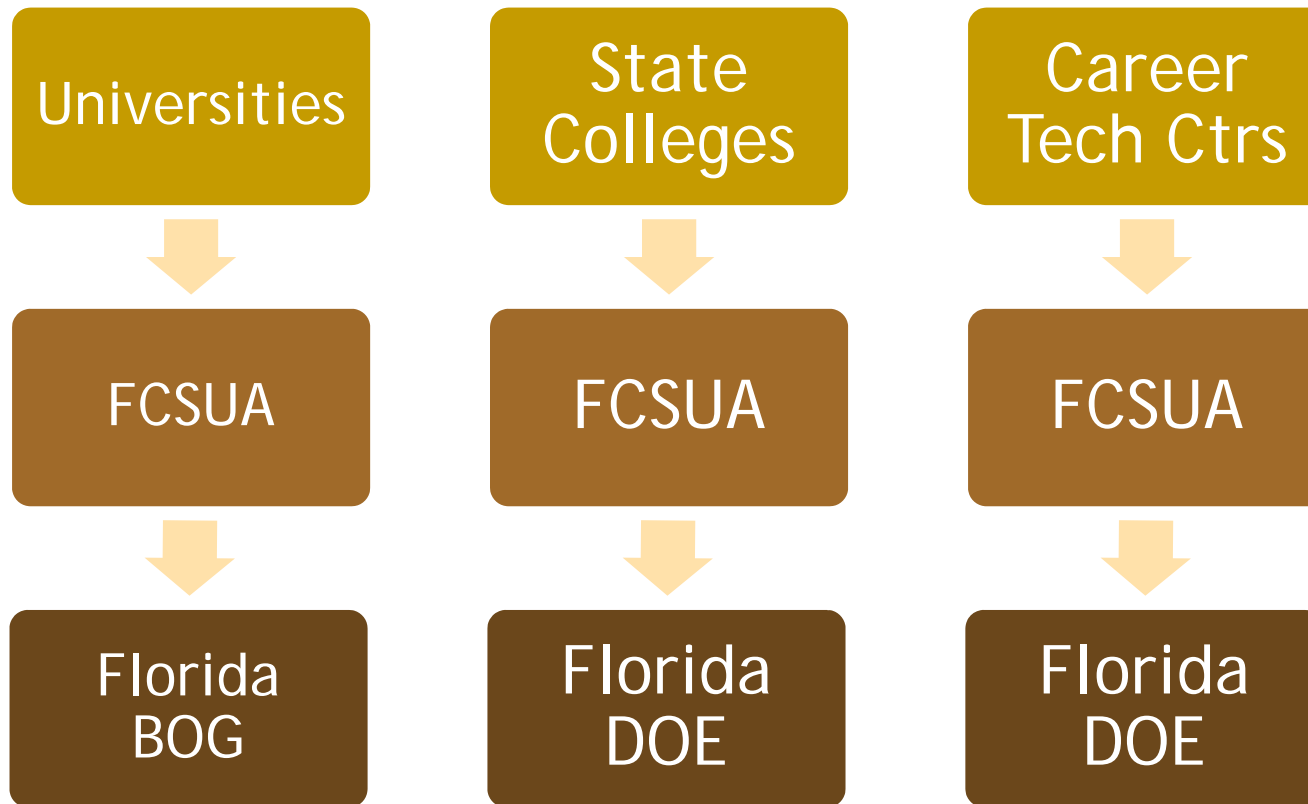
Eligibility

- ▶ Public and private IHEs, not for profit, accredited
 - Universities
 - State and community colleges
 - Career tech centers
 - Private colleges
- ▶ Students with intellectual disabilities, attend in person, documented disability
 - Exited K-12 system

FPCT Programs

- ▶ Focus on **employment** outcomes
- ▶ Inclusive contexts
- ▶ No less than half-time enrollment
- ▶ **Meaningful credential, industry certification**
- ▶ Requires definition of *satisfactory academic performance*
- ▶ Requires federal comprehensive transition program application

FPCTP Approval Process



FPCT Programs – Universities

- ▶ Florida Atlantic University – Jupiter and expanding to Boca Raton
- ▶ University of Central Florida – Orlando (to be fully implemented by end of 2017-18 academic year)

FPCT Programs – State Colleges

- ▶ Florida Keys Community College – Key West and expanding to upper Keys
- ▶ Santa Fe College – Gainesville
- ▶ Indian River State College – Ft. Pierce

FPCTP Credentials: Santa Fe College

Credential Offered	Time/ Length
ServSafe Food Handler	1 semester 2 years
American Heart Assoc. CPR and First Aid	1 semester 2 years
Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) Child Care Training	6 modules 2 years
Red Carpet Service Training	3 hours 2 years
RAD: Rape Aggression Defense	12 hours 2 years
National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER) Core Curriculum	96 hours 2 years
Certified Nursing Assistant	165 hours 2 years

FPCTP Credentials: Indian River SC

Credential Offered	Time/ Length
IRSC Certificate for Transition & Exploration Activities	2 years
OCP A, Information Technology Assistant	
OCP A, Specialized Career Ed, Basic	
OCP A, Basic Healthcare	
OCP B, Nurse Aide & Orderly	
40-hour Statewide Childcare Certificate	
OCP A, AC, Refrigeration & Heating Helper	
OCP A, Automotive Service Assistor	

FPCT Programs – Career Tech Centers

- ▶ Florida Panhandle Technical College – Chipley
- ▶ Miami-Dade County Public Schools – Robert Morgan Technical Center, Miami
- ▶ Broward County Public Schools – McFatter Technical College, Davie

FPCTP Scholarships

- ▶ Scholarships are available for eligible students attending the approved FPCTPs
- ▶ 47 scholarships @ \$7,000 annually awarded 2016-17
- ▶ 63 scholarships @ \$7,000 annually awarded 2017-18 to date

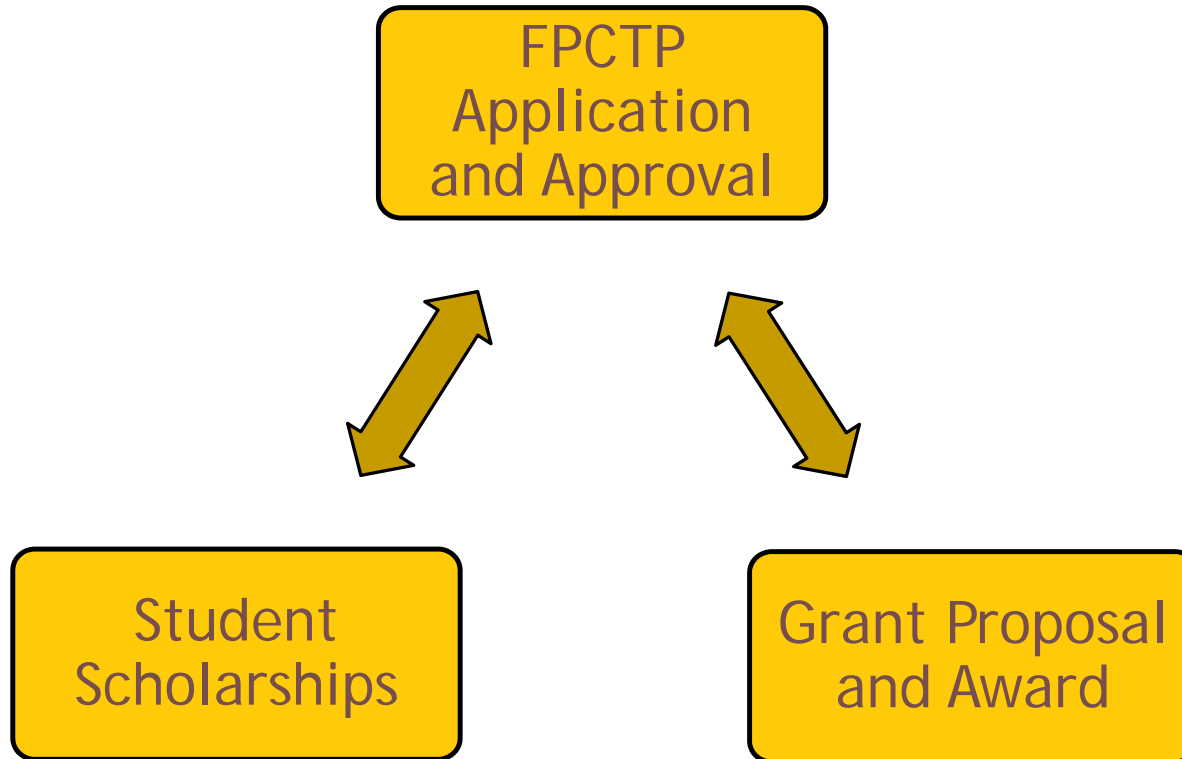
FPCTP Grants

- ▶ Start-up
 - Establish a new program
- ▶ Enhancement
 - Add FPCTP “standards” to an existing program
 - Expand or improve an approved FPCTP

Grants in 2016-17 @ \$300,000 Each

- ▶ FAU – Academy for Community Inclusion (enhance)
- ▶ UCF – Inclusive Educational Services (enhance)
- ▶ Broward County PS – Grow Your Future (start-up)
- ▶ Miami-Dade PS – Project TOPS (start-up)
- ▶ Santa Fe College – Project SAINT (enhance)
- ▶ Indian River SC – IRSC STAGE (start-up)
- ▶ FKCC – Project ACCESS (enhance)

Relationship of Elements



Who are
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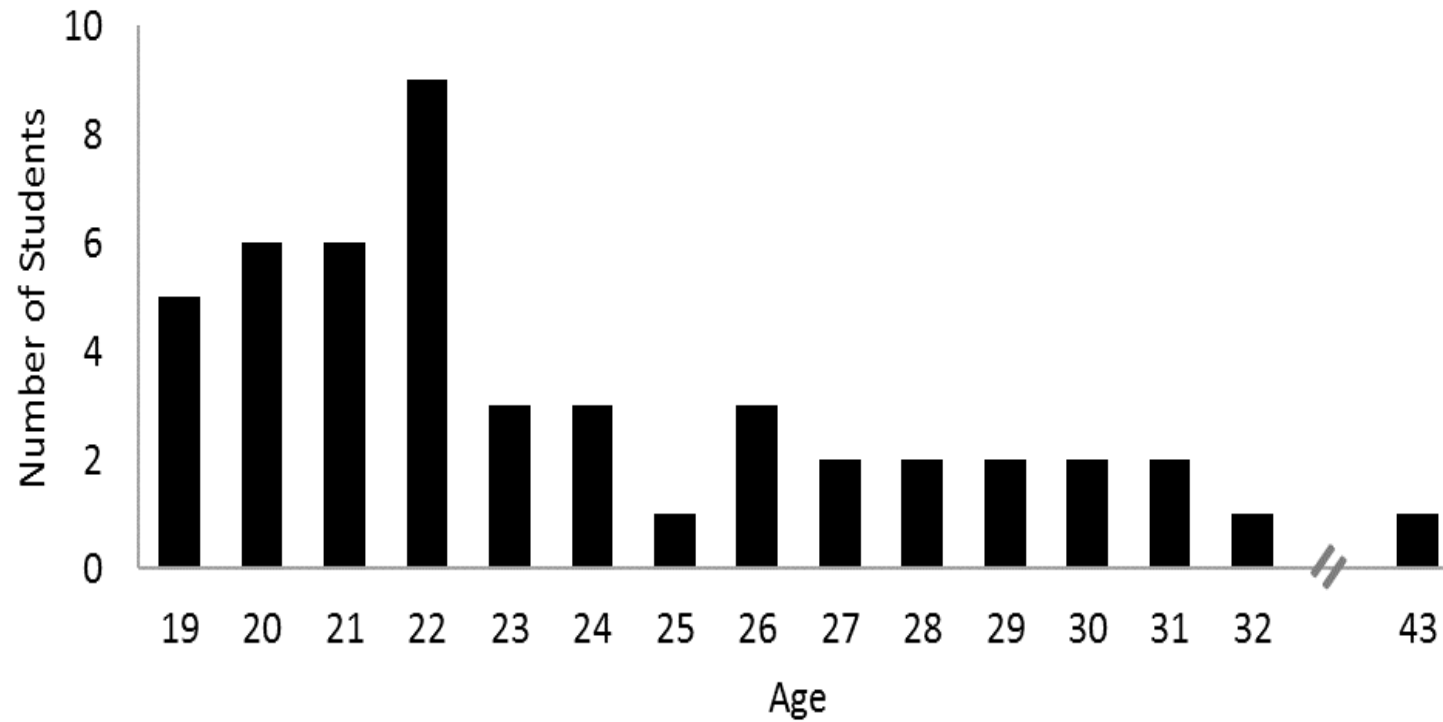


Results
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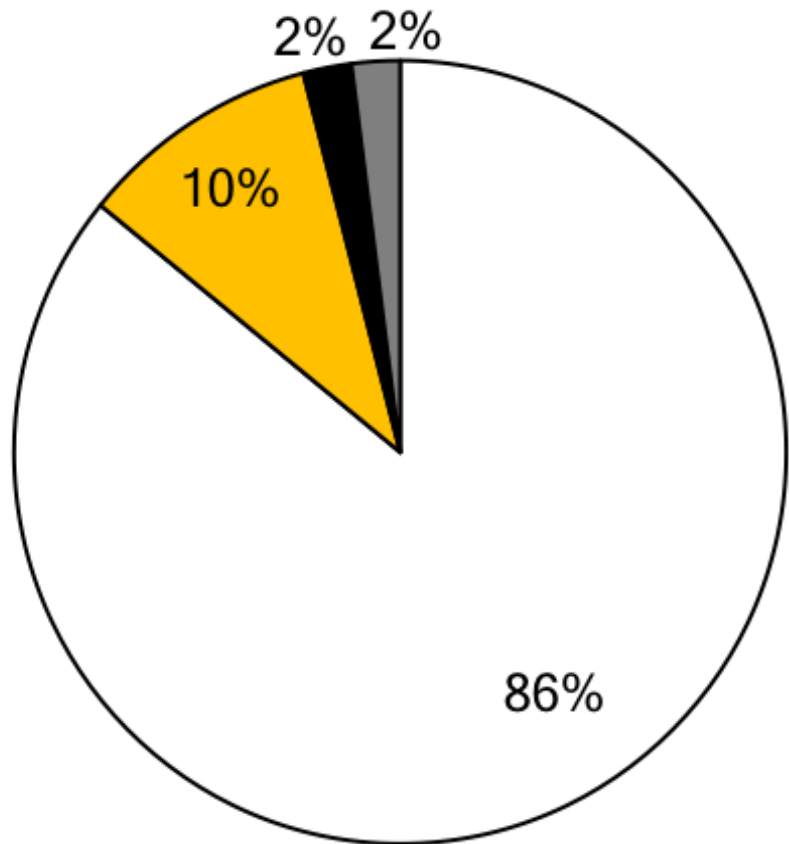
Gender



Age on Entry into Postsecondary Education Program

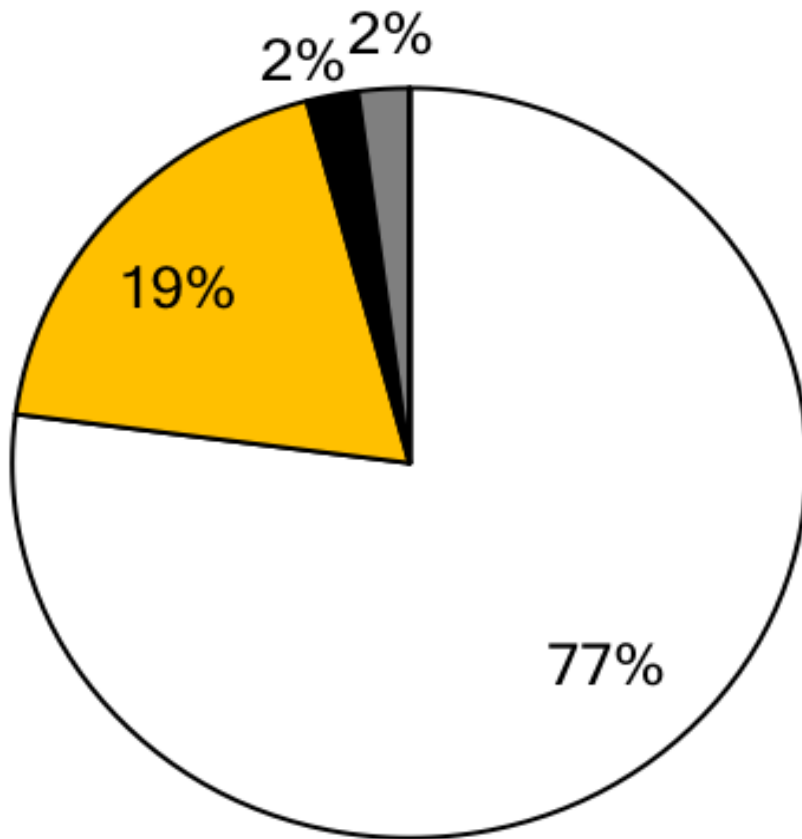


Ethnicity



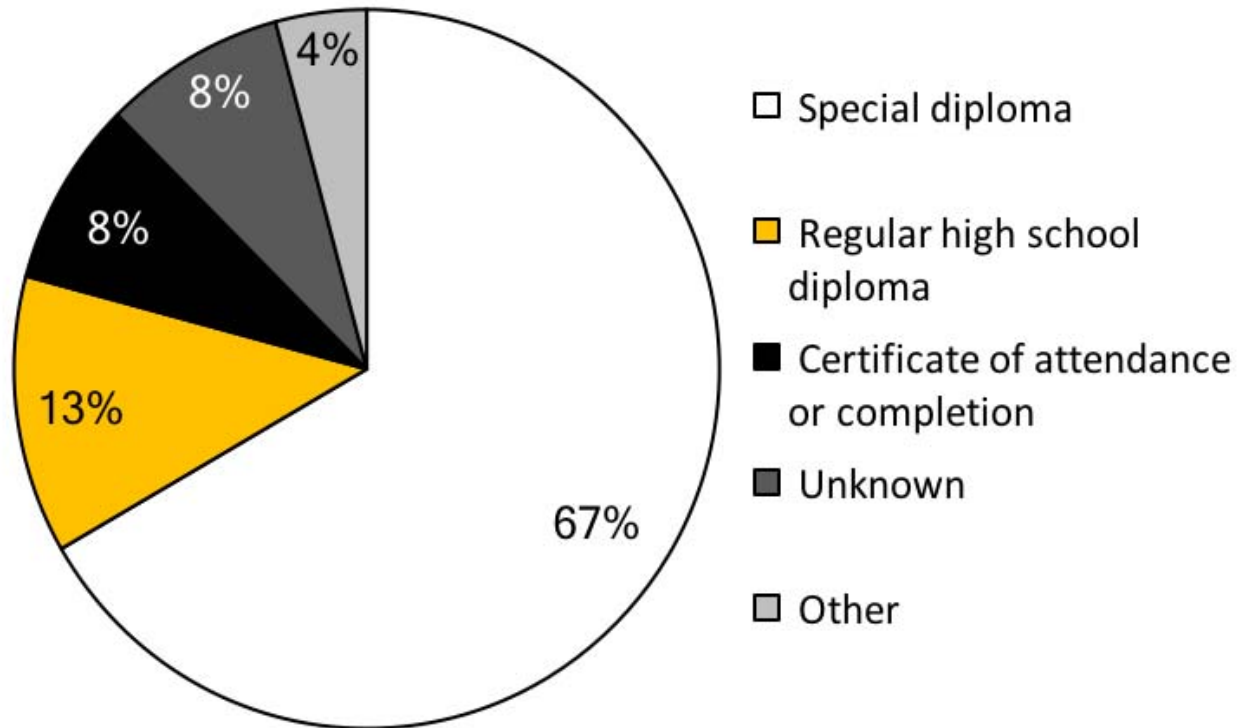
- White or Caucasian
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Other or Unknown

Most Recent K-12 Setting

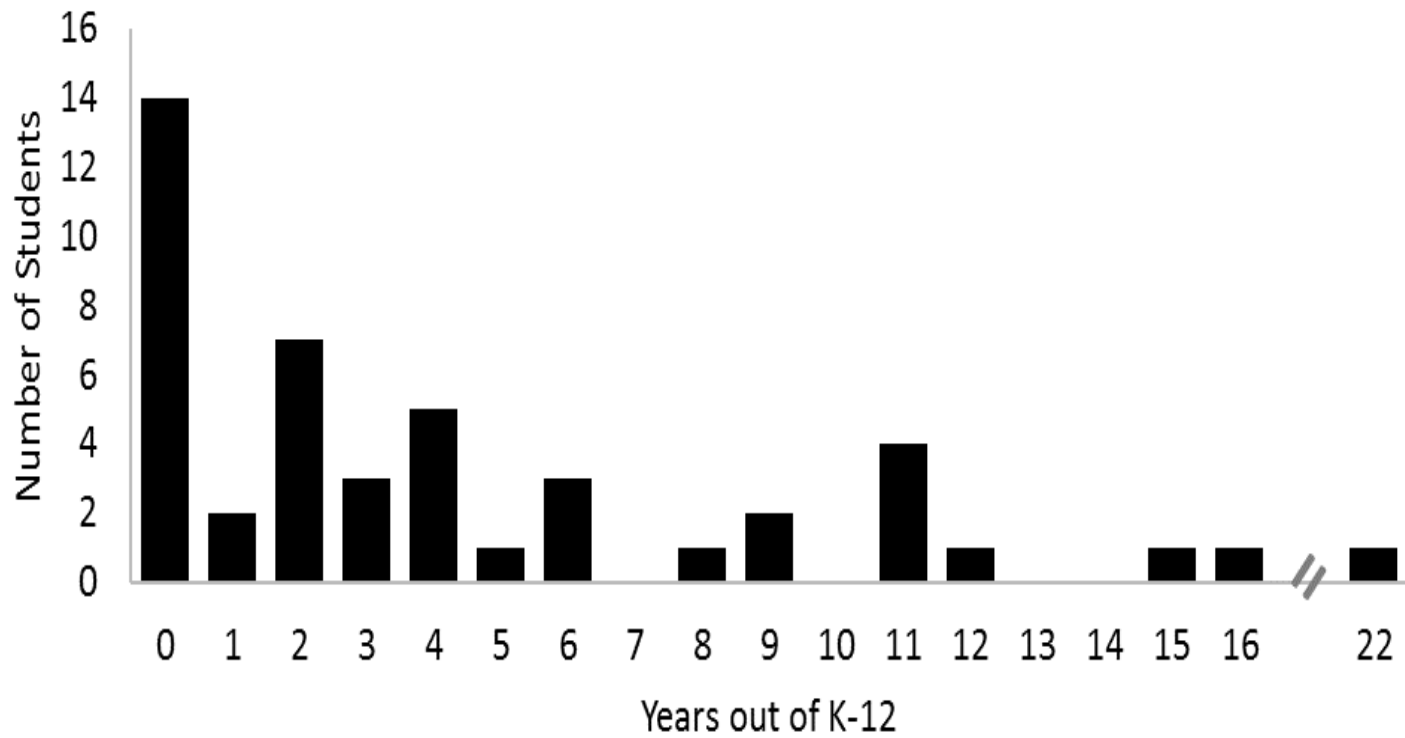


- Public school
- Private school
- Self-contained center school
- No response
- Virtual school
- Home school

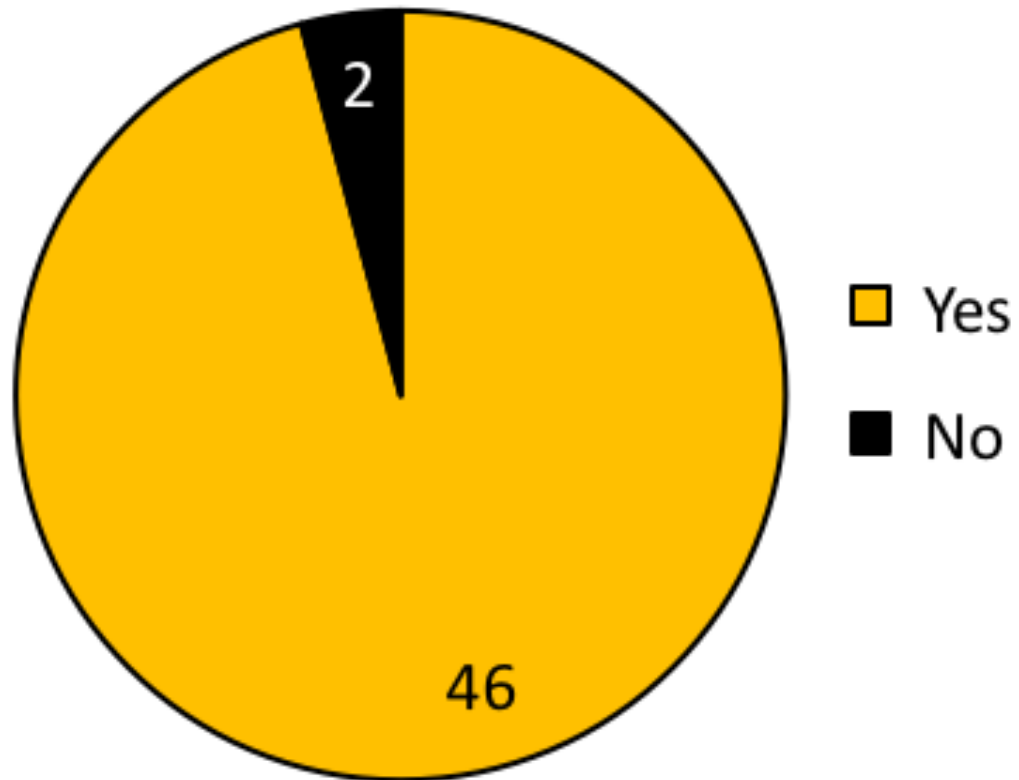
Type of K-12 Exit



Years Out of K-12 Before Postsecondary Education Program Entry



Satisfactory Academic Progress



Conversation Starters

- ▶ Does enrollment reflect ethnic diversity of the State?
- ▶ Are the students prepared for their postsecondary education program?
- ▶ Are student completers achieving employment?
- ▶ What are key program predictors of success?
 - Secondary
 - Postsecondary

PSE: Create the Supply

- ▶ Create and provide choices for postsecondary education – offer a range of opportunities across Florida
- ▶ Connect with other partners: VR, Able Trust
- ▶ Build a team
- ▶ Access the Center's resources

K – 12: Create the Demand

- ▶ Empower students and families
- ▶ Target postsecondary education programs in students' IEPs (SPP/APR I-13!)
- ▶ ***Prepare*** students to access and succeed in a FPCTP!
- ▶ Develop meaningful SOPs
- ▶ Create and provide choices for postsecondary education – reach out to your institutions to offer a range of opportunities across Florida

Lessons Learned

- ▶ Institutional capacity varies widely
 - Staff commitments
 - Resource allocation
 - # of students that can be supported in the program
 - Types of student supports provided

Lessons Learned

- ▶ Many different approaches, credentials
- ▶ Wide range of collaborations, partners
- ▶ People need ideas and examples
- ▶ All institutions do most things differently
- ▶ Be consistent when applying standards
- ▶ Be responsive in real time!

FCSUA Strategies

- ▶ K – 12 system
 - Make connections
 - College and Career Transition Clubs
- ▶ Postsecondary education institutions
 - Mentor development
 - Sustainability resources

FPCTP Planning Institute

- January 24 – 26, 2018
- College staff on teams from
 - ▲ Beacon College
 - ▲ Broward College
 - ▲ College of Central FL
 - ▲ FL Keys CC
 - ▲ FSC Jacksonville
 - ▲ Gulf Coast SC
 - ▲ Indian River SC
 - ▲ Lake - Sumter SC
 - ▲ Pasco-Hernando SC
 - ▲ Tallahassee Community College
 - ▲ Santa Fe College

Questions or Issues?



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