

January 2012



Building the Success Network One **Link** at a Time

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES'
SUCCESS NETWORK

Inside this Issue:

- LINKS for Spring!
- Community of Practice in Reading Apprenticeship
- California Acceleration Project
- Basic Skills Initiative Leadership Institute

3CSN's Equity-minded Completion Agenda

The California Community Colleges' Success Network (3CSN) promotes the achievement of equity-minded college completion, whether that is completion of a sequence of foundational courses, a certificate, a degree, or achievement of transfer status. 3CSN provides support around three key momentum points: first-year success and persistence; effective developmental sequences; and clear and accessible sequences leading to certificates, degrees, or transfer. Funded by the statewide BSI Professional Development grant, 3CSN builds student success awareness through networking and offers face-to-face and web-based technical assistance to community college professionals. 3CSN also collects resources on effective practices and helps build the capacity of local colleges to use research-based innovations to improve student outcomes. For more information, please visit our website at: <http://3csn.org>.

Save the Date for LINKS!

Mar 3
Central Valley

Mar 9
Bay Area

Mar 16
Los Angeles

Mar 24
San Diego

Apr 14
Far North

Momentum Points

- **First-year success & persistence**
- **Effective English, Math, & ESL sequences**
- **Clear and accessible sequences leading to certificates, degrees, or transfer**



LINKS V: Our Transformational Toolbox

This spring, 3CSN continues its popular Learning in Networks for Knowledge Sharing (LINKS) series with a focus on building and sustaining student completion initiatives using hands-on tools from our Transformational Toolbox.

- **Course and curricular redesign**
- **Integrated institutional learning outcomes and habits of mind**
- **Strong start student orientation and matriculation**
- **Contextualized teaching and learning across the disciplines**

Each LINKS event will be kicked-off with a keynote by a community college innovator, providing a framework from which teams of participants--in particular department chairs, program directors, deans, counselors, BSI coordinators, professional development directors, and lead faculty--will be able to think through strategies for sustaining high-impact student success efforts during challenging times. The strategies presented will be informed by first-hand data drawn from successful communities of practice around the state. All breakout sessions will demonstrate integrated, comprehensive methods for redesigning institutional and professional practices that meet the diverse needs of students.

Attendees will leave LINKS with ready to use tools as well as a comprehensive community of practice package through which they will receive ongoing support from 3CSN and supplemental resources to sustain local and regional innovations. These resources include regular opportunities for face-to-face and online professional development, on-site technical assistance, scholarships for 3CSN Reading Apprenticeship & Acceleration communities of practice as well as for participation in BSILI 2012 in June.

Participation in LINKS V is completely free and includes breakfast and lunch. Look for further details including venue, program description, presenters, and more in the coming weeks.

Save the dates:

Central Valley, March 3; Bay Area, March 9; Los Angeles, March 16; San Diego, March 24; Far North, April 14.

Community of Practice in Reading Apprenticeship

Our Reading Apprenticeship communities of practice are expanding, with 3CSN providing scholarships to the RA Winter Institute as well as conducting several more professional learning activities face-to-face and online throughout the spring. We are also adding a focused RA initiative for ESL faculty. More details soon!

For more information about Reading Apprenticeship email **Nika Hogan** mihogan@pasadena.edu or visit <http://www.wested.org/cs/ra/print/docs/ra/home.htm>

The California Acceleration Project

The California Acceleration Project (CAP), a 3CSN Initiative, invites your college to apply for the Community of Practice in Accelerated Curricula and Pedagogy, an intensive faculty development program that begins in June 2012. Application materials are available online at the newly redesigned website, CAP.3CSN.org

More information is available at <http://cap.3csn.org/>

BSILI 2012

The fourth annual Basic Skills Initiative Leadership Institute (BSILI) is coming June 3-7, 2012. It will be held again in beautiful Lake Arrowhead at the UCLA Conference Center. More details, including application materials are forthcoming. For a preview of BSILI, attend the LINKS Spring 2012 event in your region.

For more information, attend LINKS or contact **Deborah L. Harrington** harrindl@email.laccd.edu 213-891-2017

