

2011-2012 Annual Update

Strategy - Alliance for College Readiness	
Intended outcomes	Status/Progress
Continue discussions regarding David Conley's <i>Four Dimensions of College Readiness</i> : cognitive strategies, knowledge and skills, contextual awareness and academic behaviors.	Completed. P-20 goal team members hosted workshops for Harper faculty to discuss ways to help students learn academic behaviors.
Host an Alliance meeting with a representative from the Education and Policy Improvement Center (EPIC) who will speak about the dimension focusing on academic behaviors.	Completed. In October 2011, staff from EPIC led an interactive workshop on essential behaviors that are paramount to student success. Attendance at the workshop was primarily Harper faculty and administrators, with district high school administrators, faculty and counselors in attendance.
Work with Northern Illinois University and seven community colleges in the northern region of Illinois to promote and leverage college readiness efforts.	Completed. Eight community colleges in northern Illinois and Northern Illinois University wrote a grant proposal and received funds from the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) to create and deliver Disciplinary Literacy workshops at each of the community college partner institutions. Content focused on literacy techniques in math, science and career and technical education (CTE).
Overall accomplishments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In October 2011, EPIC staff led an interactive workshop on essential behaviors that are paramount to student success. The presentation and workshop emphasized the importance of developing academic behaviors in students to prepare them for college and careers. • In December 2011, ICCB accepted The College Readiness Collaboration Grant Proposal and awarded \$18,000 to Northern Illinois University and eight community colleges to develop innovative approaches to improving literacy instruction across educational levels. Through this funding source, Harper College, Elgin Community College, Joliet Junior College, Kishwaukee College, College of Lake County, McHenry County College, Rock Valley College, Waubensee Community College and Northern Illinois University created workshops in the areas of math, science and CTE. • In March 2012, Harper hosted a “Disciplinary Literacy: Crossroads in CTE & Literacy” workshop for Harper and high school faculty. 	
Strategy impact on goal achievement	
Partnerships have been forged, pilots and trials are being implemented by strategy teams and dialogue is continuing.	