Shape and strengthen education and workforce systems that prepare more young people for productive careers and lives in a global economy.
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Our Approach

• **Mission-driven, Data-informed**

• **Equity-Focused**

• **Collaborative**

• **Inclusive**

• **Execution-Oriented**
Levels of Our Work

Statewide

Community Networks

Strategic Projects
Our Funding Model

**Revenue**

- Foundations: $544,000 (41%)
- State agencies: $400,000 (30%)
- Contracts: $390,000 (29%)

**Total Revenue**: $1,334,000

**Expenses**

- Personnel: $717,425 (54%)
- Pass-through Funding: $399,000 (30%)
- Contractual & Rent: $193,850 (15%)
- Commodities: $14,200 (1%)

**Total Expenses**: $1,324,475
Impact Highlights

60 by 25

Network

IDS

Education Systems Center
Northern Illinois University
PWR Act: By the Numbers

- **16 communities** (91 high schools) implementing College and Career Pathway Endorsements

- Technical and essential employability competencies defined for pathways in **6 career areas**

- **19 school districts** piloting competency-based high school graduation requirements

- **39 community college districts** and approximately **300 high schools** implementing transitional math

- **4% point reduction** in high school graduates enrolled in CC remedial math courses: 2013-16
NIU Partners

Center for P-20 Engagement
Provost & Colleges

Center for P-20 Engagement
Center for Governmental Studies

CGS Interactive Report Cards
College of Education
State Agency and Board Partners
External Partners

- Advance Illinois
- ConnectEd
- IMA
- JFF
- Illinois Science & Technology Coalition
- thrivechicago
- Women Employed
- Partnership for College Completion
- Young Invincibles
- UChicago Consortium on School Research
- Education Systems Center
Our Key Priorities: 2019 - 2021

- College & Career Pathways
- Bridges to Postsecondary
- Data Impact and Leadership
Thank you