

MAKING THE CONNECTION

TAKE ACTION

Philanthropy

Achieving alignment in advising practices at scale will take coordination among multiple players dedicated to student success. Those in closest proximity to students can emphasize and enact relational advising, while those who are further can simplify and codify procedural advising.

Too few communities are currently prioritizing aligned advising. There's a role for each player.

Here's where to start in philanthropy:

GET STARTED

- Support districts, college access organizations, and institutions with translating, scaling, and sharing best practices, starting with those that are effective in serving students of color, low-income students, and first generation students.
- Support college access organizations in determining when and how technology can be an effective force multiplier.
- Fund districts and nonprofits to pilot how to measure and develop social capital.
- Fund innovative new models of aligned advising, particularly those aimed at supporting students of color, low-income students, and first-generation students.
- Fund training on high-impact advising practices to build capacity across districts, institutions, and regions.
- Prioritize a common set of metrics and infrastructure for grantees to drive towards collective action.

GO BOLD

- Convene and build networks to translate knowledge into action and to create enabling conditions for collective action around advising.
- Invest in state-based and regional data infrastructure to efficiently share student and school level information across systems.
- Invest in the creation and maintenance of an open-source knowledge and learning platform for advisors to share resources, knowledge, and training across communities and states.
- Predominantly fund organizations led by representative leaders (i.e. Black, Hispanic, Indigenous, and first-generation leaders).

