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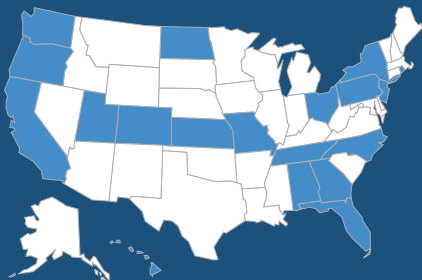


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In 2019–20, 25 TPSID grantees operated...



58 programs at 56 colleges and universities serving over 956 students with IDD across 19 states

34 TPSID programs were approved as Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary (CTP) programs, allowing them to offer federal financial aid to eligible students.



ACADEMICS

936 students



enrolled in

6,750 courses



61%

of enrollments were in academically inclusive courses



Students were able to earn a credential at

all 58 programs



EMPLOYMENT

44%

of students had at least one paid position while enrolled.



56%

of employed students enrolled in a TPSID had never held a paid job.



89%

of students engaged in employment or career development activities.



HOUSING

66%

of residential schools offered housing to students in the TPSID program

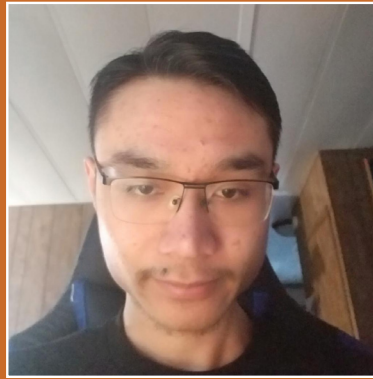
215 students (22%) lived in campus housing

111 students (12%) lived in non-campus housing, not with family



Turning Interests into Job Opportunities

Wesley has a great interest in video games, and his long-term goal is to become a software engineer. As a part of the Achieve certificate program, students can participate



in an internship and work with an Employment Consultant to secure and maintain employment.

... Wesley and his Employment Consultant, Brandy, persevered and found an opportunity in video game testing at HCL Technologies. At the internship interview, Wesley was offered a job on the spot. When asked about his new job, Wesley said, "I'm mostly into video games. I'm a PC gamer. I'm good with computers. I'm really excited to do the video game tester job, since I have passion working with video games. It will be the greatest job I ever have."

—Wesley Ngem, Achieve graduate, Highline College

EXIT OUTCOMES



79% of exiting students completed their program and earned a credential.

Paid employment rates at exit were drastically impacted by COVID - 19, dropping from 52% in 2018 - 19 to 21%

POST-EXIT OUTCOMES



59%* of those who completed a TPSID program had a paid job one year after exit vs. an employment rate of 19% of adults with DD in the general population. (*n=275)

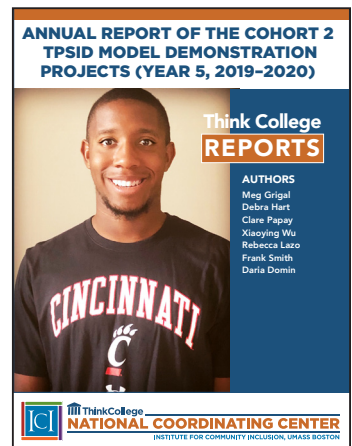
92%* of former students report that they were satisfied or very satisfied with their social life. (*n=247)

66%* of respondents to a 2-year outcome survey had a paid job two years after completing a TPSID program. (*n=250)



The TPSID model demonstration program has demonstrated what is possible when high expectations are paired with expanded opportunities and sufficient resources.

To read the full report, go to www.tinyurl.com/19-20TPSIDreport



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