EVOLUTION OF PROMISE: THE EVIDENCE BEHIND THE MOVEMENT

A College Promise Reference Guide
Forward

The pursuit of evidence-based best practices for Promise programs has always been a core focus of College Promise’s work, and we have been fortunate to collaborate with some of the best researchers in the field to ensure that the voice of the academic community is represented well in the movement. Launched in 2019, the College Promise Research Network is composed of Promise researchers and evaluators, educational and workforce economists, state and federal financial aid experts, and program administrators with experience in research, policy, assessment, and evaluation. This unique and diverse set of scholars support the national College Promise movement by identifying, producing, and promoting high-quality research and evidence that:

- Makes a sound case for the need for College Promise programs
- Identifies research-based practices and program design features that promote access, persistence, and completion -- especially for students from groups that are historically underrepresented in higher education
- Guides programs in evaluating program participation and outcomes
- Makes research accessible and valuable to practitioners, policymakers, and other College Promise stakeholders, including a wider network of emerging Promise leaders

Over the past two years, College Promise has convened, supported, and collaborated with the College Promise Research Network to identify literature that can inform the design, implementation, and improvement of Promise programs. That literature has been compiled to create this reference guide, which includes blogs, books, conference papers, databases, dissertations, journal articles (peer-reviewed and non-peer reviewed), policy position papers (reports), research reports, and web documents.

We are proud to be able to share this reference guide, Evolution of Promise: The Evidence Behind the Movement, with all of our stakeholders. We hope that the literature collected here will be used to help inform the development and continual improvement of Promise programs around the country, as well as help identify gaps in the research to spur new evaluations, meta-analyses, and replications.

All references are listed in alphabetical order, by author, and are tagged by subject matter. The tags have been grouped into categories (topic, population, method, education level, geographic boundary, etc.) for ease of identification and search.
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Financial aid
College savings account; Cost of attendance; Emergency aid; Federal aid; Financial aid; Grant; Income share agreements; Institutional aid; Loan; Loan replacement grant; Merit-based aid; Military/veteran aid; Need-based aid; Opportunity investment account; Pell grant; Performance-based aid; Private aid; Scholarship; Social impact bonds; State aid; Work study

Policy
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Postsecondary pipeline
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Postsecondary sector
Community college/2yr; Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI); Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU); Middle tier institutions; Minority Serving Institutions (MSI); Open access institutions; Selective institutions; Technical college; Tribal college or university (TCU); University/4yr

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Promise program design
Community service (student responsibilities); Declare commitment to promise program (student responsibilities); FAFSA or state student aid form required (student responsibilities); Financial sustainability (promise program); First dollar award (promise program); Full cost-of-attendance award (promise program); Income-based (student eligibility); Last dollar award (promise program); Last dollar plus award (promise program); Merit-based (student eligibility); Minimum ACT/SAT test scores (student eligibility); Minimum-GPA (student eligibility); Outreach and marketing (promise program); Promise program design; Residency-based (student eligibility); Student support services; Summer semester
enrollment (promise program); Tuition and fees award (promise program); Tuition, fees, and room and board award (promise program); Tuition-only award (promise program); Universal (student eligibility)

**Promise program impacts and outcomes**
Promise program challenges; Promise program impact; Promise program outcomes

**Promise program implementation**
Data, analysis, and/or evaluation (promise program); Indicators (promise program); Monitoring progress (promise program); Promise program equity disparities; Promise program implementation; Student eligibility rate (promise program); Student usage rate (promise program)

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**Return on investment**
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**Student attitudes, motivations, perceptions**
Student attitudes; Student engagement; Student goals; Student motivations; Student perceptions

**Student debt**
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**Student outcomes (college and workforce)**
Earnings; Educational attainment; Employment; Migration; Stopping out; Student achievement; Student outcomes; Transfer

**Student populations**
Adult students; African-American students; Asian students; Certificate/non-degree seeking students; English language learner students; First generation students; Foster care/former foster care students; High-income students; Homeless students; Incarcerated/formerly incarcerated students; Latinx students; Low-income students; Middle-income students; Military/veteran students; Native American/American Indian/Indigenous students; Part-time students; Rural students; Student parents; Students of color; Students with basic needs, housing, income insecurity; Students with disabilities; Students with high test scores; Undocumented students; White students; Working students

**Workforce/economic development**
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**Wraparound student supports**
Career/workforce support; Coaching; Counseling/advising; Financial literacy; Mentoring; Student support services; Work-based learning
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Tags: promise program; promise program implementation; promise program outcomes; evaluation; California College Promise


Tags: community-based promise program; statewide promise program; merit-based promise program; promise program design; college access; college progression (persistence/retention); college completion; literature review; Kalamazoo Promise; Georgia HOPE; D.C. Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG)


Tags: community-based promise program; college choice; college cost; in-state attendance; quasi-experimental; evaluation; difference-in-differences regression; Kalamazoo Promise


Tags: promise program; high school


Tags: community-based promise program; universal (student eligibility); promise program outcomes; high school graduation; El Dorado Promise


Tags: community-based promise program; universal (student eligibility); residency-based (student eligibility); promise program outcomes; high school graduation; high school academic achievement; students with high test scores; African-American students; low-income students; El Dorado Promise


Tags: promise program design; first dollar award (promise program); last dollar award (promise program); federal aid; Pell Grant
**Tags:** promise program; free college; tuition-free college; open access institutions; promise program equity disparities; comparative analysis

**Tags:** statewide promise program; promise program design; promise program outcomes; promise program challenges; case study; qualitative interviews; Nevada Promise

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**Tags**: free college; promise program design; promise program equity disparities; evaluation


**Tags**: promise program design; college enrollment; equity implications; middle school; high school

**Tags**: community-based promise program; high school graduation; student support services; urban revitalization; evaluation; synthetic control; Say Yes to Education Syracuse


**Tags**: community-based promise program; high school enrollment; economic development; urban revitalization; city; suburban; difference-in-differences regression; Say Yes to Education Buffalo; Say Yes to Education Syracuse


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**Tags**: community-based promise program; last dollar award (promise program); high school enrollment; high school academic achievement; high school graduation; college enrollment; college progression (persistence/retention); economic development; urban revitalization; White students; African-American students; low-income students; community college/2yr; university/4yr; city; suburban; difference-in-differences regression; Say Yes to Education Buffalo; Say Yes to Education Syracuse

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**Tags**: community-based promise program; free college; college choice; college access; college progression (persistence/retention); college completion; promise program design; low-income students; African-American students; Latinx students; policy diffusion; difference-in-differences regression; Kalamazoo Promise

Tags: free college; community-based promise program; merit-based promise program; statewide promise program; college-based promise program; promise program design; merit-based (student eligibility); income-based (student eligibility); residency-based (student eligibility); minimum-GPA (student eligibility); minimum ACT/SAT test scores (student eligibility); community service (student responsibilities); student support services; first dollar award (promise program); last dollar award (promise program); low-income students; middle-income students; college choice; college access; college enrollment; college completion; policy recommendations; quasi-experimental; Kalamazoo Promise; Tennessee Promise; Pittsburgh Promise; New Haven Promise; Knox Achieves


Tags: promise zones; economic development; college choice; college enrollment; college progression (persistence/retention); promise program design; difference-in-differences regression; Kalamazoo Promise


Tags: community-based promise program; merit-based promise program; college enrollment; difference-in-differences regression; Pittsburgh Promise


Tags: statewide promise program; college choice; college enrollment; community college/2yr; technical college; university/4yr; low-income students; Tennessee Promise


Tags: statewide promise program; last dollar plus award (promise program); promise program design; promise program challenges; promise program outcomes; rural students; middle-income students; undocumented students; case study; Oregon Promise


Tags: statewide promise program; last dollar award (promise program); promise program design; promise program challenges; promise program outcomes; student perceptions; middle-income students; case study; qualitative interviews; focus groups; Delaware SEED

**Tags:** community-based promise program; college-based promise program; statewide promise program; promise program design; student support services; promise program outcomes; benefits of promise programs; Tennessee Promise; Kalamazoo Promise; Ventura College Promise; Cuesta College Promise; Santa Ana College Promise; Oakland Promise


**Tags:** statewide promise program; promise program design; students with disabilities; undocumented students; English language learner students; California College Promise


**Tags:** statewide promise program; promise program design; promise program implementation; students with disabilities; undocumented students; incarcerated/formerly incarcerated students; homeless students; foster care/former foster care students; military/veteran students; California College Promise


**Tags:** statewide promise program; promise program design; California College Promise


**Tags:** statewide promise program; free college; promise program design; student support services; adult students; methodological design; case study; evaluation; Delaware SEED; New Jersey Stars; New York Excelsior Scholarship; Oklahoma Promise; Oregon Promise; Arkansas Future Grant; 21st Century Scholars; Indiana Workforce Ready Grant; Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship; Maryland Howard P. Rawlings Guaranteed Access Grant; Massachusetts Cash Grant; Minnesota Academic Excellence Scholarship; Nevada Promise; Rhode Island Promise; Tennessee Promise; Tennessee Reconnect; Florida Bright Futures; Hawaii Promise; Louisiana TOPS; Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program; Washington College Bound

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**Tags**: promise program; debt-free college; free college; promise program design; low-income students; middle-income students; adult students; student parents; financial sustainability (promise program); cost of attendance; federal aid; state aid; Pell Grant; need-based aid; community college/2yr; work study

**Tags**: statewide promise program; promise program design; adult students; student support services; emergency aid; outreach and marketing (promise program); methodological design; promise program implementation; indicators (promise program); data, analysis, and/or evaluation (promise program)

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**Tags**: community-based promise program; community college/2yr; coaching; college enrollment; college progression (persistence/retention); Knox Achieves

**Tags**: statewide promise program; loss of aid; merit-based aid; college completion; stopping out; employment; working students; regression discontinuity analysis; Tennessee HOPE

**Tags**: promise program; college access; student support services; mentoring; counseling/advising; literature review; meta analysis; randomized controlled trial (RCT); quasi-experimental
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**Tags**: community-based promise program; tuition-free college; free college; student attitudes; student perceptions; qualitative analysis; Kalamazoo Promise
Tags: community-based promise program; tuition-free college; free college; student attitudes; student perceptions; student loan debt; earnings; students with basic needs, housing, income insecurity; qualitative analysis; Kalamazoo Promise

Tags: community-based promise program; tuition-free college; free college; equity implications; students with basic needs, housing, income insecurity; inverse probability weighting with regression adjustment; Kalamazoo Promise

Tags: community-based promise program; tuition-free college; free college; student motivations; students with basic needs, housing, income insecurity; college progression (persistence/retention); stopping out; university/4yr; Kalamazoo Promise

Tags: promise program; college completion; credit accumulation (attempted, earned); time to credential; student support services; proactive advising; guided pathways; institutional transformation; state policy

Tags: statewide promise program; merit-based promise program; benefits of promise programs; promise program impacts; promise program challenges; promise program implementation; college enrollment; Georgia HOPE

Tags: statewide promise program; merit-based promise program; credit accumulation (attempted, earned); college enrollment; college completion; Georgia HOPE

**Tags:** statewide promise program; merit-based promise program; credit accumulation (attempted, earned); college enrollment; community college/2yr; university/4yr; White students; African-American students; Georgia HOPE


**Tags:** statewide promise program; community college/2yr; last dollar award (promise program); college enrollment; equity implications; first generation students; loss of aid; Oregon Promise


**Tags:** college-based promise program; dual enrollment; student support services; high school; high school graduation; credit accumulation (attempted, earned); college enrollment; Eastern Promise


**Tags:** free college; debt-free college; promise program design; community college/2yr; university/4yr; cost of attendance; time to credential; college completion; high school academic achievement


**Tags:** community-based promise program; merit-based promise program; college choice; college enrollment; college progression (persistence/retention); city; regression discontinuity analysis; difference-in-differences regression; New Haven Promise


**Tags:** community-based promise program; statewide promise program; merit-based promise program; economic development; high school enrollment; college enrollment; benefits of promise programs; promise program design; Kalamazoo Promise; Georgia HOPE; 21st Century Scholars; Detroit Compact


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Tags: college-based promise program; promise program design; last dollar award (promise program); community service (student responsibilities); declare commitment to promise program (student responsibilities); outreach and marketing (promise program); economic development; state appropriations; low-income students; Harper College Promise

Tags: free college; state appropriations; college affordability; state aid; federal aid; student loan debt

Tags: promise program; free college; tuition-free college; community college/2yr

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Tags: place-based promise program; community-based promise program; college-based promise program; promise zones; African-American students; case study; focus groups; qualitative interviews

Tags: statewide promise program; promise program design; last dollar award (promise program); summer semester enrollment (promise program); low-income students; time to credential; credit accumulation (attempted, earned); Pell Grant; loan replacement grant; case study; Illinois Promise

Tags: statewide promise program; college completion; student support services; equity implications; loan replacement grant; quasi-experimental; Illinois Promise

Tags: statewide promise program; state policy; education reform; qualitative analysis; case study; Tennessee Promise

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learner students; students with disabilities; Latinx students; economic development; city; qualitative analysis; focus groups; New Haven Promise


**Tags:** community-based promise program; merit-based promise program; college choice; college enrollment; college progression (persistence/retention); city; regression discontinuity analysis; difference-in-differences regression; New Haven Promise


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**Tags:** statewide promise program; free college; low-income students; middle-income students


**Tags:** statewide promise program; high school academic achievement; college enrollment; community college/2yr; difference-in-differences regression; Oregon Promise


**Tags:** promise program; free college; community college/2yr; technical college; low-income students; middle-income students; African-American students; Latinx students; White students; surveys


**Tags:** statewide promise program; free college; tuition-free college; first dollar award (promise program); last dollar award (promise program); community college/2yr; technical college; adult students; state policy; promise program challenges; benefits of promise program; Tennessee Promise; Oregon Promise; Minnesota Opportunity Scholarship; Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship

Tags: promise program; free college; debt-free college; promise program design; outreach and marketing (promise program); promise program implementation; promise program challenges; performance-based aid; student outcomes; surveys; qualitative interviews; randomized controlled trial (RCT); mixed methods; The Degree Project


Tags: promise program; promise program design; low-income students; randomized controlled trial (RCT); The Degree Project


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Tags: financial aid; universal (student eligibility); research typology


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Tags: community-based promise program; promise program design; universal (student eligibility); residency-based (student eligibility); high school academic achievement; race/ethnicity; income; quasi-experimental; propensity score matching; difference-in-differences regression; Dell and Evelyn Carroll Scholarship


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**Tags**: statewide promise program; promise program implementation; data, analysis, and/or evaluation (promise program); promise program equity disparities; indicators (promise program); student attitudes; student perceptions; outreach and marketing (promise program); financial sustainability (promise program); surveys; focus groups; qualitative interviews; Oregon Promise

**Tags**: statewide promise program; tuition-free college; free college; student support services; college enrollment; community college/2yr; technical college; gender; race/ethnicity; African-American
students; Latinx students; White students; descriptive analysis; evaluation; difference-in-differences regression; Tennessee Promise


**Tags:** statewide promise program; merit-based promise program; race/ethnicity; gender; income; socioeconomic status/class; brain drain; longitudinal trend analysis; surveys; West Virginia PROMISE


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