

The Florida Consortium of Metropolitan Research Universities is a partnership formed in 2014 to strengthen Florida’s talent pipeline by sharing ideas and scaling solutions which accelerate learner achievement and expand access to economic opportunity.

The Consortium serves over **70%** of Florida’s students and **68%** of Florida’s transfer students – many whom are students of color, first generation, and low-income.

Equal Measure, with support from the Helios Education Foundation, conducted an outcomes-focused evaluation in 2020 to understand the Consortium’s progress on its major goals.

EVALUATION OUTCOMES: THE CONSORTIUM’S BIGGEST SUCCESSES:

FOSTERING CONDITIONS FOR SUCCESS

- » Elevating ideas across university partners and making innovative, coordinated action possible
- » Advancing narratives to support an equitable approach to Florida’s future prosperity for residents, communities, and the State of Florida
- » Advocating for equitable, learner-centered priorities in local, regional, and state workforce efforts

TRANSFER SUCCESS

- » Creating a Transfer Success Network to develop smooth transfer pathways and accelerate degree completion
- » Increasing attention, collaboration, and resources for transfer success across partners and two-year state colleges

CAREER SUCCESS

- » Engaging employers in understanding how best to recruit and retain our talented graduates
- » Enabling data-informed learning, experimentation, and new practices for partners working toward career success

*“The Consortium’s broad and enduring value is its **readiness to meet complex institutional and partnership priorities** effectively and efficiently.”*

THE FUTURE OF THE CONSORTIUM’S EFFORTS AND LEARNING FRAMEWORK WILL FOCUS ON BLENDING THREE POWERFUL FORMS OF CHANGE:



PRACTICE CHANGE
Using trust-based collaboration and data to develop innovation at scale that will lead to cross-campus practice changes among staff, faculty, and divisions, enhancing student success and efficiency



POLICY CHANGE
Devising new and refined policies that institutionalize long-term learner-centered, equitable change and investment across campuses



FIELD CHANGE
Aligning systems to create smoother pathways and remove barriers for improved statewide education, business, and workforce outcomes

WHAT MAKES THE CONSORTIUM EFFECTIVE?

