CEPRI ISSUES

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UNIVERSITY CONTRACT STUDY

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University Contracts



 UF/FSU proposed a 5-year contract between the Legislature and them during the 2003 Session

 In response, the 2003 Legislature directed CEPRI to study the feasibility of 5-year contracts between the State and public universities





- A contractual approach could provide the opportunity to:
 - Have a cohesive plan for the university system
 - Define the mission of each university
 - Ensure regional and state priorities are being met
 - Directly link performance with funding

The Need for Coherent Funding Policies

Dennis Jones in *Financing in Sync: Aligning Fiscal Policy* with State Objectives (2003) notes that when funding policies are not aligned, important goals of higher education are not realized:

- Students find higher education becoming unaffordable and opt out;
- Taxpayers pay more than their fair share; or
- Institutions fail to acquire the resources needed to adequately fulfill their missions.

Finding: A Binding Contract with Legislature Is Not Feasible



Legalities of Multi-Year Contracts:

- One legislature can not bind future legislature
- Executive branch can not bind legislature
- Board of Governors has constitutional responsibility for Governance and would be the appropriate party to contract with the universities
 - Contract could specify basis for Board of Governor's budget request

Recommendations Regarding Process for Contracting



- Process for contracting
 - Legislature would determine framework
 - Governor would approve
 - Board of Governors would develop process within Legislative framework
 - Universities would develop proposals, including objectives, measures and standards
 - Board of Governors and universities would negotiate and implement contract
 - CEPRI would review after two years

Recommendations Regarding Performance Expectations



- Individual university contracts would have some measures in common; others would vary according to mission.
- Performance Expectations would address:
 - Priorities of the State
 - Assisting students to stay on track and reduce time to degree
 - Student access and graduation
 - Containing student costs
 - Feedback from students and employers
 - Maintaining accreditation

Recommendations Regarding Incentives and Penalties

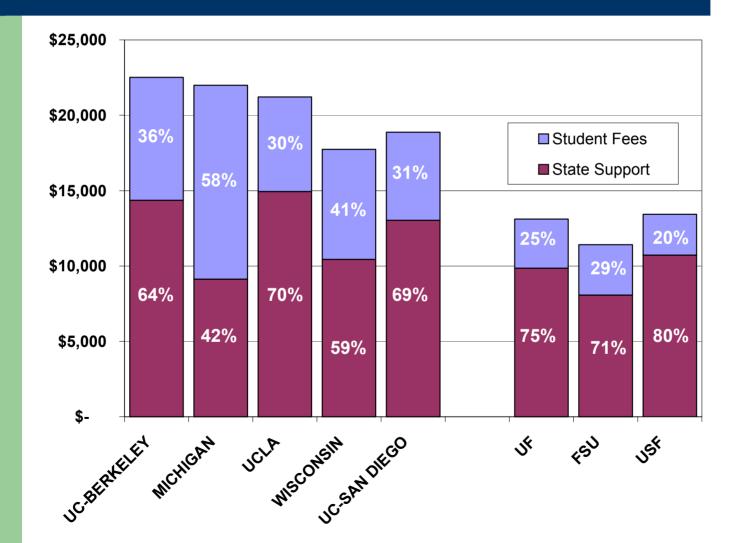


Within the Legislative framework:

- Ability to set tuition should be the reward for performance.
 This authority must be tied to maintaining access to quality education for all high-performing students regardless of financial status
- Development of plans for corrective action are required when performance standards are not met
- Authority to set fees is lost if performance does not meet standards on critical measures in one year
- The Board of Governors provides annual review and control over tuition and access through the contract negotiated with the university







Quality: A return to the taxpayers investment 1995 NRC Rankings of Programs

	Outstanding	Excellent	Very Good	Good				
Any Discipline								
UF		1	15	16				
FSU			7	15				
USF				5				
UCF				2				
Science and Technology								
UF			10	11				
FSU			4	9				
USF				4				
UCF				2				





Resident Un	Rank on Bachelor's			
State	Amount	Rank	Degree Production*	
Vermont	8,665	1	2	
New Hampshire	7,693	2	12	
Pennsylvania	7,396	3	10	
Michigan	6,935	4	20	
New Jersey	6,655	5	45	
Connecticut	5,824	6	26	
Illinois	5,754	7	28	
Minnesota	5,536	8	19	
Rhode Island	5,365	9	1	
Maryland	5,341	10	31	
U.S. Avg.	4,675			
Florida	2,444	49	41	

^{*2001-02} Bachelor's Degrees per 100K 18-44 Population, Public and Private Institutions

Tuition Policy as a Tool for Providing Access



- Reducing Time to Degree
 - Block Tuition Schedule to Encourage Larger Course Loads
 - Use of Tuition Revenues to Expand Course Availability
- Use of Tuition Revenues for Need Based Aid
- Expand Cooperative Education Opportunities
- Improved Counseling and Career Planning

Four Year Graduation Rate of All FTIC Students



1st Yr	SUS	UF	FSU	USF	UCF	FIU
1990	26.13%	29.49%	37.63%	17.92%	20.91%	18.70%
1991	25.89%	28.90%	38.95%	19.75%	20.14%	17.69%
1992	27.61%	30.69%	38.47%	20.04%	23.32%	16.10%
1993	28.26%	33.69%	39.61%	20.42%	21.80%	15.38%
1994	28.87%	37.95%	39.81%	19.23%	23.98%	14.28%
1995	31.29%	42.90%	39.56%	19.17%	26.17%	14.66%
1996	32.51%	50.04%	39.54%	18.79%	24.95%	15.71%
1997	32.99%	49.01%	39.86%	21.41%	26.91%	16.45%

Tuition Is Not the Main Cost of College

Three years of 10% increases is a 3.4% increase in total cost

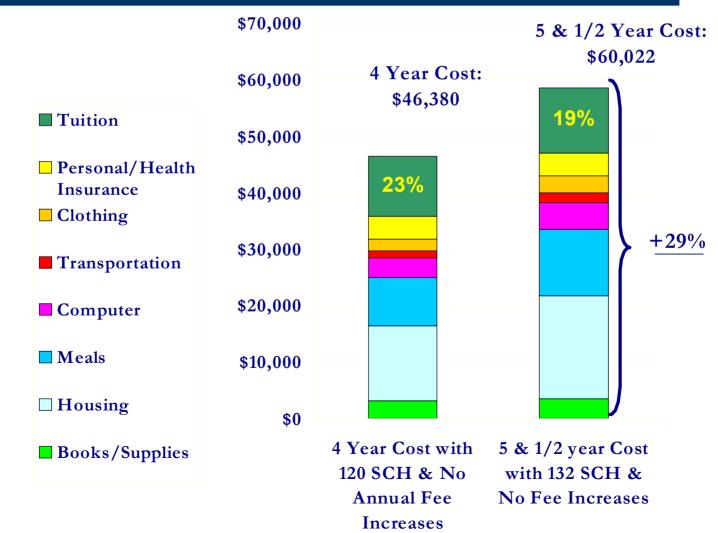
















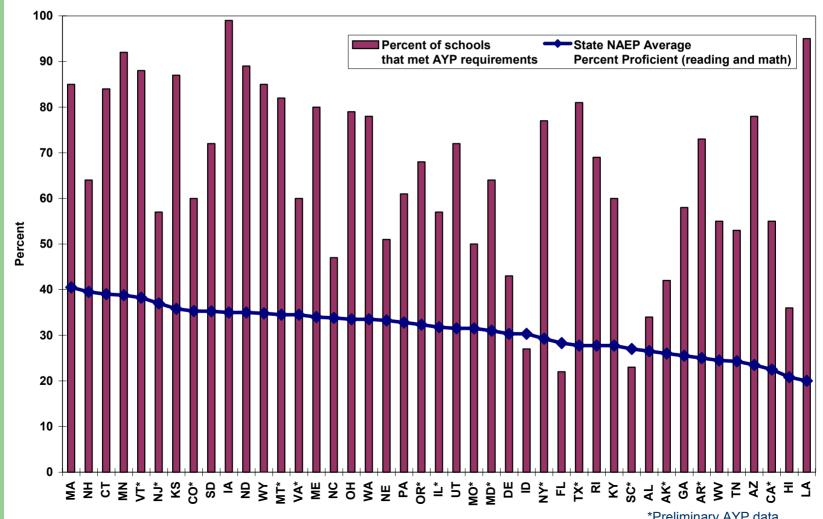
- Contract approach would close the gap between mission, performance, and funding
- Contract could be a vehicle for defining state goals and encouraging universities to meet them
- Council strongly believes this approach should be embraced and utilized

CEPRI WORK PLAN AND OTHER ISSUES











VISION FOR OVERALL RESULT OF A+ PROGRAM

 Overarching and unifying goal for the A+ program and all supporting initiatives

All students will graduate from high school fully capable of choosing, entering and being successful in either the workforce, further career education, or postsecondary degree programs.

 Yardstick by which to measure the cumulative performance of the entire system



INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS

- Early childhood education (pre K-3) to ensure that all students have a sound basis for future learning and personal development
- Career education to address the specific needs of 60% of high school students who do not go into postsecondary programs



STRUCTURAL FOCUS

- More effective approach to funding to reinforce the desired focus, coordination and achievement of high priority goals
- High quality governance and leadership to ensure the most effective use of available resources and the creation of an attractive environment that attracts and retains high quality teachers



BROAD BASED SUPPORT

- Force the right decisions as to major structural and operational issues
- Stay the course as to key initiatives in order to fully achieve desired results

ADULT AND CAREER EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Adopted January 2004







- Develop a funding methodology for workforce/career education that provides for:
 - long term stability
 - accommodates growth
 - rewards program performance
- Recommendations were developed in consultation with community colleges, vocational centers, school districts, the Department of Education, and others involved in public vocational education.





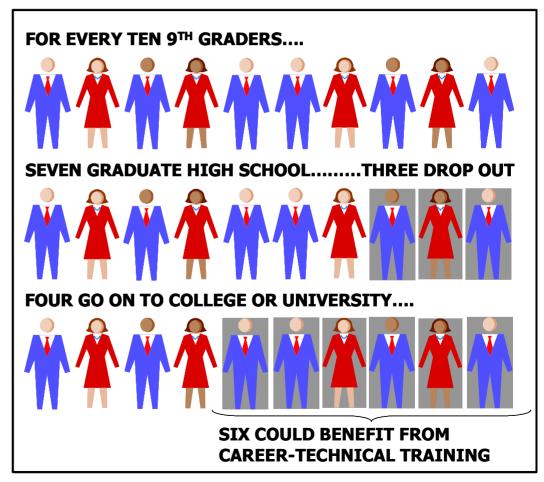
- What do we mean by Adult and Career Education?
 - All community college and school districts programs that are currently funded on performance through the Workforce Development Education Fund
 - Includes community college associate in science, postsecondary vocational, adult general education, and continuing workforce education

Key Facts – Student Demand



Figure 2

Career education programs play a pivotal role in meeting the needs of the 6 out of 10 9th graders who drop out do not enter immediately into college or university programs.

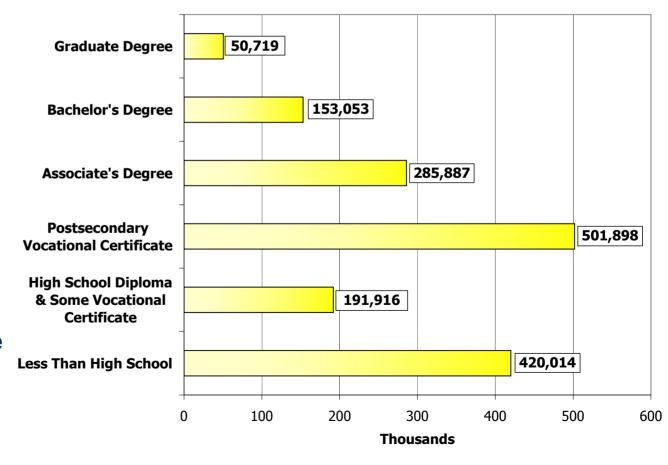




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- Over 60% of the growth will be in jobs requiring postsecondary education and training - but not a bachelor's degree.
- 9 of the 10 fastest growing require an associate degree or vocational certificate.

Projected Job Growth through 2010

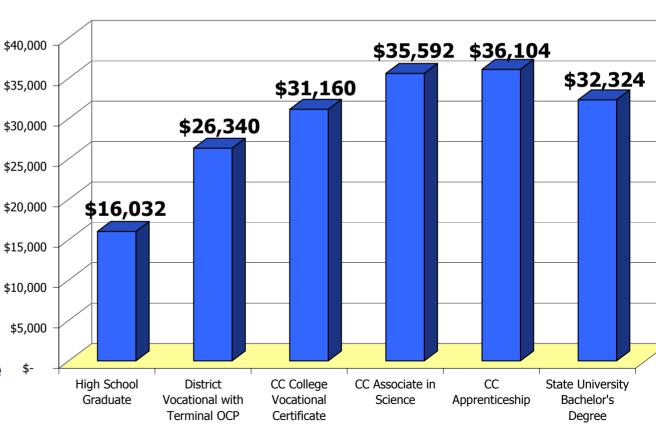






With high-quality skilled training, high school graduates significantly improve their earnings potential, with career education completers comparable to or exceeding those of recent bachelor's degree graduates.

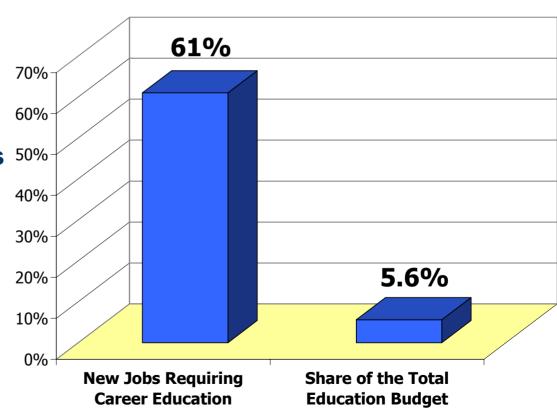
Estimated Annual Wages of 2000-01 Program Completers





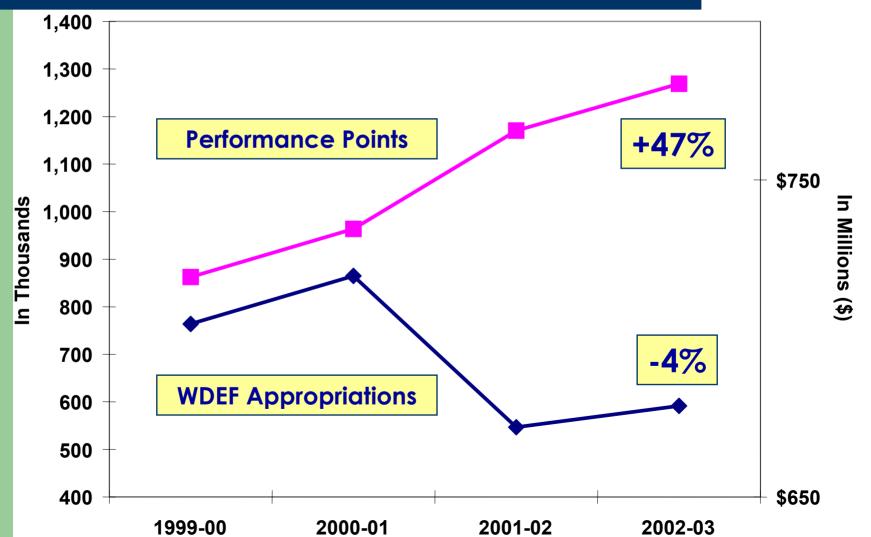


- State support for adult and career education programs has declined by 6% in recent years, while funding for academic programs at colleges and universities has increased on the order of 30%.
- A modest increase in funding relative to the total education budget would produce a very significant and positive economic impact.



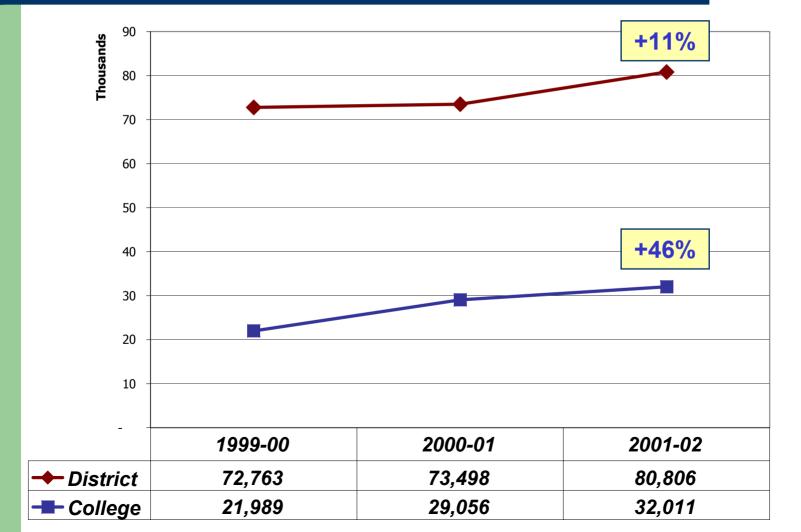
Adult and Career Education Performances vs. Appropriations





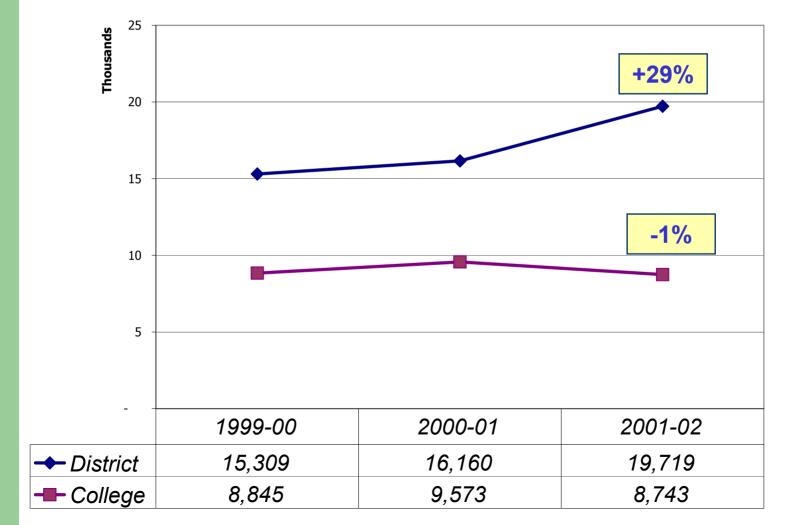
Adult Vocational Certificates (PSAV): 3-year Enrollment Trend by Sector











Creating a Priority for Adult and Career Education Funding



- Creating a higher priority for workforce funding in the legislative appropriations process is an important element of addressing issues with workforce education funding.
- Regardless of the funding methodology, the amount of funding provided for workforce education is the most critical element of program expansion.

Conclusions about Current Funding Methodology



- Increases in performances do not necessarily result in increases in funding.
- The funding methodology at the current funding level has not provided adequate resources to expand existing or start new programs in high demand, high cost fields.
- Apprenticeship programs have experienced large decreases in expenditures and in reported cost per funded occupational completion point (OCP), but identifying funding disparities is difficult.

Principles for a New Methodology



- Must recognize the central role of career and technical training in the state's economic development.
- Must establish a process for providing for growth and the development of new programs in high demand, high wage fields.
- Must encourage the development of "bridges" between high school and career programs.
- Must encourage public-private partnerships and the leveraging of private resources.
- Must maintain the same performance standards for programs regardless of the type of institution offering the program (district or college).
- Must align with the reality of the budget process.

Appropriations for Community Colleges and School Districts

- Florida must commit more resources to meeting the education and training provided by Florida's community colleges and schools districts.
- The distribution of funds should be made to community colleges and school districts using a common set of criteria to create a level playing field for all providers of adult and career education.



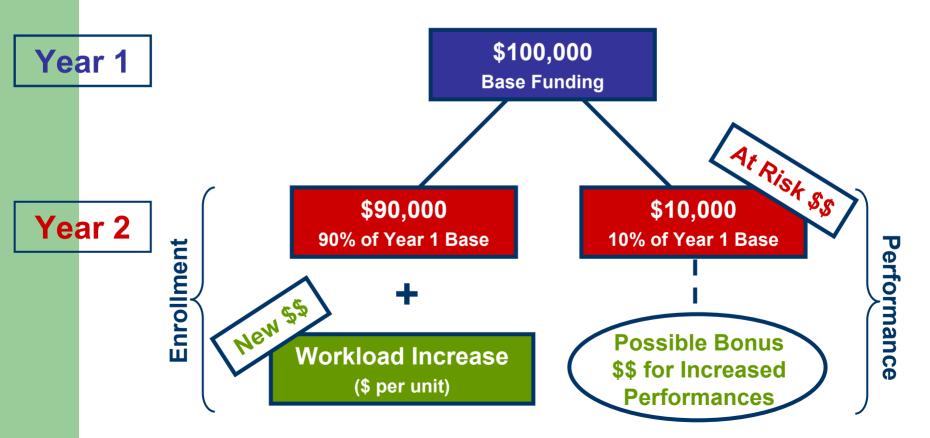


- The funding methodology for the distribution of resources to community colleges and schools districts must contain <u>both</u> workload and performance elements.
- The gains produced by the current funding methodology must be maintained with an appropriate emphasis on performance, in the form of program completers, program placements, and student transitions to higher education levels.



Workload and Performance

EXAMPLE: Workload and Performance







- The current funding methodology and funding levels has not adequately provided for the start-up of new programs or the expansion of existing programs.
- An additional competitive funding grant is necessary to meet the local need for program development costs.





- The Council supports the funding of apprenticeship programs with other adult and career education programs, but recommends modifications to the current fee exemption policy.
- A better evaluation of funding disparities for apprenticeship funding requires *more reliable data* collection on program cost, enrollments and completions.

Additional Issues for Future Consideration



- Improved Career Guidance and Counseling
 - Examine current incentives in FEFP to ensure adequate resources for student advisement
 - Identify best practices to allow students quality time with advisors
 - Development of an intensive marketing campaign to attract students in postsecondary programs of critical need to the state
- Establishment of Career-Focused Curriculum
 - Career Academies
 - Charter-Technical High Schools and Dual Enrollment Policies