School systems may request funds from this approved list of student planning partners to support IGP updates for high school students or college and career transitions for graduated seniors. This guide summarizes the services each student planning partner can provide. Providers range in cost from free $, low overall cost or per student rate and/or limited services $$, or higher investment in cost per school structure and/or range of services $$$.

**Individual graduation planning** starts in the eighth grade and continues throughout every student’s high school career. Individual graduation plans should be updated annually and signed by the student, a parent or guardian, and the school counselor.

**Postsecondary Planning** includes supporting students as they apply for college and explore funding opportunities (scholarships and grants).

**Career Supports for Students Transitioning to the Workforce** lists partners who can further support students in exploring options once they graduate and move into the workforce.

### IGP Planning Partners

#### AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)

- **IGP-related services:** professional development, virtual support for schools
- **Contacts:** Denise Rupert, Director Mid-Atlantic Southern States Region drupert@avid.org; Mike DiNicola, Partner Engagement Manager mdinicola@avid.org
- **Description:** AVID provides strategies for rigorous teaching and learning that empowers students with 21st century skills. Professional development options include a variety of regional face-to-face training events that focus on college and career readiness. Resources equip educators with strategies and activities to assist students in creating quality IGPs. The career exploration professional development series, which includes monthly virtual support meetings, is intended for teachers, counselors, and administrators.
- **Cost:** $$-$$$  

#### BARR (Building Assets, Reducing Risks)

- **IGP-related services:** comprehensive model
- **Contact:** Tom Pellegrino, Manager of Recruitment Tom.Pellegrino@barrcenter.org, 619-438-0062
- **Description:** BARR is a strengths-based model that provides schools with a comprehensive approach to meeting the academic, social, and emotional needs of all students. Schools within the BARR Network harness the power of relationships and data to become more equitable, ensure that no student is invisible, and remove both academic and non-academic barriers to learning. **BARR provides IGP support as part of a comprehensive service agreement.**
- **Cost:** $$-$$$$  

#### Career Compass of Louisiana

- **IGP-related services:** individual and group career counseling, IGP completion, family engagement
- **Contact:** Crystal Burch, Director of Strategic Partnerships cburch@careercompassla.org, 225-277-2233
- **Description:** In the Career Compass of Louisiana Individual Graduation Planning package, trained college and career coaches collaborate with school counselors and staff to complete IGPs directly with students and engage parents and families in the IGP process. Parents can text college and career coaches and approve the IGP via the secure mobile app. Career Compass also works with seniors to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®).
- **Cost:** $$-$$$$
**CareerWorks 360**

**IGP-related services:** individual and group career counseling, professional development, consulting  
**Contact:** Mary Feduccia, Career Counselor and Professional Development Coach  
mary@careerworks360.com, 225-939-0360

**Description:** CareerWorks 360 works with school counselors to identify needs within the framework of a comprehensive school counseling program. Examples of services are individual and group career counseling and guidance, professional development to help teachers integrate career education and planning into their classes, and informational workshops to engage parents and families in the career development and decision-making process. The CareerWorks team works with students in East Baton Rouge Parish and surrounding school systems.

**Cost:** $$-$$$ 

**Higher Minds of Education**

**IGP-related services:** individual career counseling, college planning, professional development, consulting  
**Contact:** Felicia Young, Founder  
highermindsofeducation@gmail.com, 318-564-8755

**Description:** Higher Minds of Education contracts with Louisiana high schools and districts, colleges and universities, and family and community partners to provide one-on-one support. Their services include working directly with students and their counselors to develop and maintain IGPs, helping students and their families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form, and collaborating with school systems to design workshops for students, families, and/or staff.

**Cost:** $$-$$$ 

**KG Consulting Group**

**IGP-related services:** student advising, individual and group career counseling, professional development, family engagement  
**Contact:** Karen Goodridge, Founder  
karen@karengoodridge.net, 225-202-4868

**Description:** KG Consulting Group provides personal development and professional training to individuals and groups who find themselves in pivotal stages of life. KG works directly with educators, parents, and students to guide students toward college and career success. Through quality advising activities, KG coaches can help students build confidence and self-awareness; create a personal brand; explore careers, majors, and colleges; and secure meaningful internships and externships.

**Cost:** $$-$$$ 

**Southern Regional Education Board (SREB)**

**IGP-related services:** professional development, consulting, coaching  
**Contact:** Ivy Alford, Director of State and District Partnerships,  
ivy.alford@sreb.org, 985-974-4416

**Description:** SREB provides professional development and on-site coaching support to develop secondary guidance and advisement systems. Types of support include developing activities to support goal setting, career exploration, and pathway selection. Partnerships can help schools expand or improve the tools and strategies that allow students to explore their interests and aptitudes and develop personalized education and career plans.

**Cost:** $$-$$$
**Talent Development Secondary (TDS)**

**IGP-related services:** professional development, consulting, coaching

**Contact:** Tara Madden, Regional Director [tmadden@tdschools.org](mailto:tmadden@tdschools.org), 504-231-2425

**Description:** The TDS model includes organizing and systemizing graduation planning conferences and gathering, sharing, and analyzing data to inform future conference cycles. TDS uses the LDOE High School Planning Guidebook and other existing tools to co-construct professional learning sessions and create additional resources. The technical assistance package includes up to three days of virtual support for school leaders, staff, teachers, and counselors and up to two days of on-site support.

**Cost:** $$- $$$

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**Postsecondary Planning Partners**

**American Student Assistance**

**Services:** Provided through ASA’s College Planning Center, school-based programs, and in collaboration with other community-based organizations.

**Contact:** [www.asa.org](http://www.asa.org)

**Description:** American Student Assistance (ASA) is a national nonprofit dedicated to eliminating finance as a barrier to higher education. ASA’s College Planning Services helps young people and adults from all backgrounds plan for, enroll in, and complete college, including identifying and applying for various sources of financial aid. This is a paid service.

**Cost:** $-$$$ 

**Barabara Ann Carmichael**

**Services:** Financial aid planning

**Contact:** 225-931-7550

**Description:** Barbara can offer a student financial aid presentation for each senior and senior parent. Individual session with each senior to assist with creation of the Federal Student Aid ID (FSAID) and the student section of the FAFSA. Individual session with each parent to assist with creation of the Federal Student Aid (FSAID) and the parent section of the FAFSA. Individual student financial aid counseling after the student has submitted the FAFSA, including the verification process. Scholarship search assistance for institutional, state, and national aid competitions. There is a fee of $25.00 per senior.

**Cost:** $$

**The Common Black College App**

**Services:** Allows students to submit a single application to all participating member institutions for a fee. They can interact with college counselors, learn about HBCUs, and more to further your college preparation experience.

**Contact:** [contact@commonblackapp.com](mailto:contact@commonblackapp.com)

**Description:** Students have access to over 50 HBCU’s at once. Students and counselors are able to create accounts to submit important documents in one central place. Although students are asked to select their top four college choices, their application is made available to all Member Institutions.

**Cost:** $$

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**College Beyond**

**Services:** College and career readiness

**Contact:** [www.collegebeyond.org](http://www.collegebeyond.org)

**Description:** College Beyond offers enrollment and college success coaching to students who are admitted into college. Services began in the late spring/summer and continue until the end of their first year in college. They also focus on social-emotional skills, academic success, personal development and career planning.

**Cost:** $$$

**College Vine**

**Services:** College readiness

**Contact:** [www.collegevine.com](http://www.collegevine.com)

**Description:** The goal of College Vine is to level the playing field of college admissions, regardless of socioeconomic status. This is a paid service.

**Cost:** $-$$$

**Common App**

**Services:** College Admissions process

**Contact:** [https://www.commonapp.org/contact-us](https://www.commonapp.org/contact-us)

**Description:** Common App is a non-profit college access organization that helps students apply to college every year. Common App’s free college application tool is designed to make applying to college faster and easier. With a Common App you only need to use one system to apply to multiple colleges and universities. There are two main parts students fill out: a set of common questions and each college’s own specific questions. The best part is they only have to fill out common questions one time.

**Cost:** $

**Cowen Institute**

**Services:** College and career readiness

**Contact:** CowenInfo@tulane.edu 504-274-3690

**Description:** The goal of Cowen Institute is to advance public education and youth success in New Orleans and beyond. They inform relevant stakeholders, decision makers, and the public at large on issues related to K-12 public education, disconnected youth, and college and career readiness. This is a paid service.

**Cost:** $-$$$$

**Frank Financial Aid**

**Services:** FAFSA completion, College Search, Frank Membership, and Aid Appeal:

**Contact:** support@withfrank.org 347-690-7886

**Description:** Frank is an online platform designed to assist students complete the FAFSA. They have eliminated layers of bureaucracy, opportunity for mistakes, and hours of headache and heartache. They offer staff training on FAFSA completion.

**Cost:** $-$$$$

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**Higher Minds of Education**

*Services:* College and career readiness  
*Contact:* Felicia Young  
*Email:* highermindsofeducation@gmail.com  
*Phone:* 318-564-8755  

*Description:* College paperwork completion, career exploration, FAFSA completion assistance, soft skills training, and mentoring a student through the first semester of college. A group pricing model can be used for all services, except mentoring. It will be priced per student. $3,000 (1-50 students) $6,000 (51+ students) for group sessions. $125 per student for mentoring. We are a local company, who serve the Baton Rouge area surrounding parishes (including Ascension, Iberville, Pointe Coupee, Livingston, St. James, St. Helena and East and West Feliciana). Other parishes of interest are Ouachita, Caddo and Bossier. We also provide virtual meetings.  
*Cost:* $$$

**Keller Education Consulting LLC**

*Services:* College and career readiness  
*Contact:* Roland Keller, Jr-  
*Phone:* 225-223-3964  

*Description:* Keller Education Consulting LLC is a higher education company located in Southeast Louisiana and helps students achieve long-term financial aid success. They assist students through the financial aid and enrollment process and provide strategies for college bound students to finance their education with minimal student loan debt. There is a fee of $35.00 per student (minimum of 10 students).  
*Cost:* $$

**Louisiana Education Loan Authority (LELA)**

*Services:* FAFSA Assistance, College Connection, and Scholarships  
*Contact:* 1-800-228-4755  
*Emails:* asklela.org; info@lela.org  

*Description:* The Louisiana Education Authority (LELA) is a division of the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (LPFA), a nonprofit public trust established to bring financing assistance and advantages to the people of Louisiana. As part of a nonprofit public trust, LELA’s mission is to make higher education more accessible and affordable for the people of Louisiana.  
*Cost:* $

**Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA)**

*Services:* FAFSA Assistance, College Connection, and Scholarships  
*Contact:* custserv@la.gov  
*Phone:* 1-800-259-5626  

*Description:* Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance is an education division of the Louisiana Board of Regents. LOSFA is responsible for many state programs such as TOPS, START Saving Program, LA Go Grant, Chafee Educational Training Voucher, and LA GEARUP. They offer many free outreach services by assisting with school reform initiatives and promote postsecondary awareness, along with FAFSA Completion.  
*Cost:* $

**One Goal Graduation**

*Services:* College readiness  
*Contact:* Chantelle George  
*Email:* chantelle.george@onegoalgraduation.org  
*Phone:* (337)257-7576  

*Description:* OneGoal offers a credit bearing course to Louisiana high schools for students in the 11th and 12th grade. Our curriculum, deep in culturally responsive pedagogy, focuses on key pillars of success for college and career readiness. Students, named fellows in the course, receive test prep, post-secondary pathway guidance, and non-cognitive skill training that is essential to success after high school.  
*Cost:* $$$

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One Shot Education LLC

Services: College and career readiness
Contact: Sabrina Lewis. MS EdS office-(225)-744-8108, mobile-(225) 253-1331; myone1shot@gmail.com
Description: One Shot Education, LLC is a college and career readiness company. They offer a variety of services in the areas of College Readiness, Career Readiness, Financial Aid, and Scholarships. We assess our clients and make recommendations tailored to their individual needs. Each client receives a plan specifically designed to meet their goals. Virtual meetings are available.
The cost structure is per workshop ($1,500-$10,000) or per student ($50-$300)
Cost: $$-$$$$

UAspire

Services: College readiness
Contact: michellem@uaspire.org
Description: UAspire is a nonprofit organization ensuring that all young people have the financial information and resources necessary to find an affordable path to and through college. They provide students with one-on-one support to navigate the financial aid process with virtual advising. They offer virtual or in-person staff training through their paid service.
Cost: $-$$$$

Up Next-Better Make Room

Services: Current high school seniors can receive information by texting their first and last name to 240-623-8319. Current college students can receive information by texting their first and last name to 240-623-2789. If students would like advice about how to pay off your federal student loans, they can text first and last name to 415-908-1869.
Contact: info@bettermakeroom.org
Description: It’s a free mobile texting tool that offers personalized support on all things college access: college search and application, federal financial aid, even loan repayment, all through texting. All texts are received and answered by a live person.
Cost: $

Career Supports for Graduates Transitioning into the Workforce

Access to Meaningful Employment (AcME), Inc.

Services Include: Post-Secondary Planning, Career Assessment and Career Planning, Work Readiness, Employment Services (to include): Job Development and Job Placement, On-Site work supports
Contact: Eva Belcas evabelcas@nocoxmail.com 504-833-7291
Simone Frazier simonefrazier@nocoxmail.com 504-833-7292
Description: AcME, Inc. specializes in assisting adults who have little or no work experience or who have been out of the workforce for an extended period of time; (specifically individuals with disabilities). All program services focus on developing skills necessary to be successful in the workplace. The dual system program will assist individuals with and without disabilities prepare for post-secondary education and/or certification programs. The second part of the program will focus on individuals seeking immediate job placement and preparing for competitive work.
Cost: $$-$$$$
American Job Center/CareerOneStop

Services Include: job search, resume writing, post-secondary school training, on-the-job training, work experience, and networking opportunities

Contact: Nypheteria R. Clophus (Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jeff Davis, and Vernon Parishes) 
nclophus@calcasieuparish.gov 337-721-4010 Ext. 5026 or 337-802-5108

Description: American Job Center is the flagship career, training, and job search website for the U.S. Department of Labor. The website serves job seekers, businesses, students, and career advisors with a variety of free online tools, information and resources.

Cost: $

Arc

Services Include: transportation, money management, counseling, medical assistance, social activities, pre-vocational services, and supported employment

Contact: Kelly Monroe kmonroe@thearcla.org 225-383-1033 Ext. 201

Description: The Arc of Louisiana advocates with and for all people with intellectual and related developmental disabilities and their families so that they shall live to their fullest potential. The Arc is also able to provide many of these services for all students.

Cost: $-$-$

Geaux Jobs

Services Included: training, scholarships, alternative post high school equivalency (HISSET), post-secondary training, resume building, mock interviews, career exploration, career planning, soft skills training, on-the-job training and work experience

Contact: Ascension Parish Ascension@geauxjobs.org 225-647-5557
East Feliciana/West Feliciana/ Pointe Coupee Parishes Westfeliciana@geauxjobs.org 225-635-6635
Livingston Parish Livingston@geauxjobs.org 225-435-0606
Iblerville/West Baton Rouge Parishes Iblerville@geauxjobs.org 225-687-0969
Tangipahoa/St. Helena Parishes Tangipahoa@geauxjobs.org 985-902-4200
Washington Parish Washington@geauxjobs.org 985-545-1050

Description: Geaux Jobs is a federally funded workforce program that provides job training and workforce development activities for youth ages 16 to 24. Geaux Jobs Serves the parishes of Ascension, East Feliciana, Iblerville, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana.

Cost: $

Goodwill

Services: intensive job readiness program to prepare you for work that includes life skills and soft-skills training in workplace readiness, responsibility, and professionalism; individualized case management which includes career exploration, job placement and transitional work opportunities to help individuals gain and maintain employment.

Contact: Lynn Stevens (North Louisiana) lstevens@goodwillnla.org 318-629-5980
Kim Rugon (Baton Rouge and New Orleans) krugon@goodwillno.org 504-456-2622
Nadia Ford (Acadiana) NFord@GoodwillAcadiana.org 337-261-5811
Greta Willis (Lake Charles and Beaumont) greta@goodwillbmt.org 409-838-9911

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**Description:** Goodwill works to enhance the dignity and quality of life of individuals and families by strengthening communities, eliminating barriers to opportunity, and helping people in need reach their full potential through learning and the power of work.

**Cost:** $-$$$

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**Job Readiness Solutions**

**Services Include:** job readiness, resume writing, soft-skills, interview preparation, and job placement

**Contact:** Laura Gaither [nayvent@cs.com](mailto:nayvent@cs.com) 985-868-9130

**Description:** Job Readiness Solution provides employment opportunities using supported employment programs that offer training and support to maintain gainful employment.

**Cost:** $-$$$

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**Lighthouse Louisiana**

**Services Include:** work and career readiness programming including: career exploration and planning, work readiness development (interview preparation, resume writing, workplace etiquette, interpersonal skills), job coaching, goal setting, job search assistance, community resource navigation, and post-secondary preparation. Services can be provided individually or in group settings and options are available for virtual or in-person delivery or a combination. Additional services and costs can be negotiated and determined based on school need.

**Contact:** Victoria Perodin [vperodin@lighthouselouisiana.org](mailto:vperodin@lighthouselouisiana.org) 504-234-8903

**Description:** Lighthouse Louisiana is an experienced provider of transitional services for high school juniors and seniors, helping students develop the confidence to make informed choices about their future employment goals through the delivery of evidence-based, customized programming. Lighthouse Louisiana will serve individual schools or districts and can assist in provision of services to all eligible students, including students with disabilities.

**Cost:** $-$$$$
People of Purpose

**Services Include:** job and career readiness training, employment, financial, basic need, transportation, education

**Contact:** Stefanie Ashford info@popcdc.org 225-953-7788

**Description:** This organization seeks to assist with the transitional services to help young people achieve success in their work life.

**Cost:** $$-$$$ 

Propel America

**Services Included:** college and career readiness

**Contact:** info@propelamerica.org

**Description:** Propel America is a nonprofit that helps young adults successfully transition from high school into a career and higher education. They support students through a two-week bootcamp program that is tailored to meet the hiring needs of regional employers.

**Cost:** $-$

@Southwest Louisiana Independence Center (@SLIC)

**Services Include:** Assistance with completing employment applications, preparing for and attending interviews, on-the-job training, etc.

**Contact:** Rocky Fuselier rocky@slic-la.org (337) 477-7194

Gwynn Houston gwynn@slic-la.org (337) 477-7194

**Description:** Established in 1985, @SLIC is a non-profit agency serving 20 parishes with offices in Lake Charles, Leesville, and Lafayette. Our goal is to assist individuals with disabilities and seniors in living positive, productive lives in the community functioning as independently as possible within their chosen environment.

**Cost:** $-$$$

TEEM Academy

**Services Include:** pre-employment transition, job readiness, supported employment, and career placement services

**Contact:** Ernest Reilly eireilly@teemacademy.org 504-237-5707

**Description:** TEEM Academy is a reputable organization currently serving job seekers in career development and employers with workforce solutions. They work to help increase confidence and transform lives for people ages 17-77, who may have had some set-backs to obtaining employment or are in a transitioning stage of their career life.

**Cost:** $$-$$$