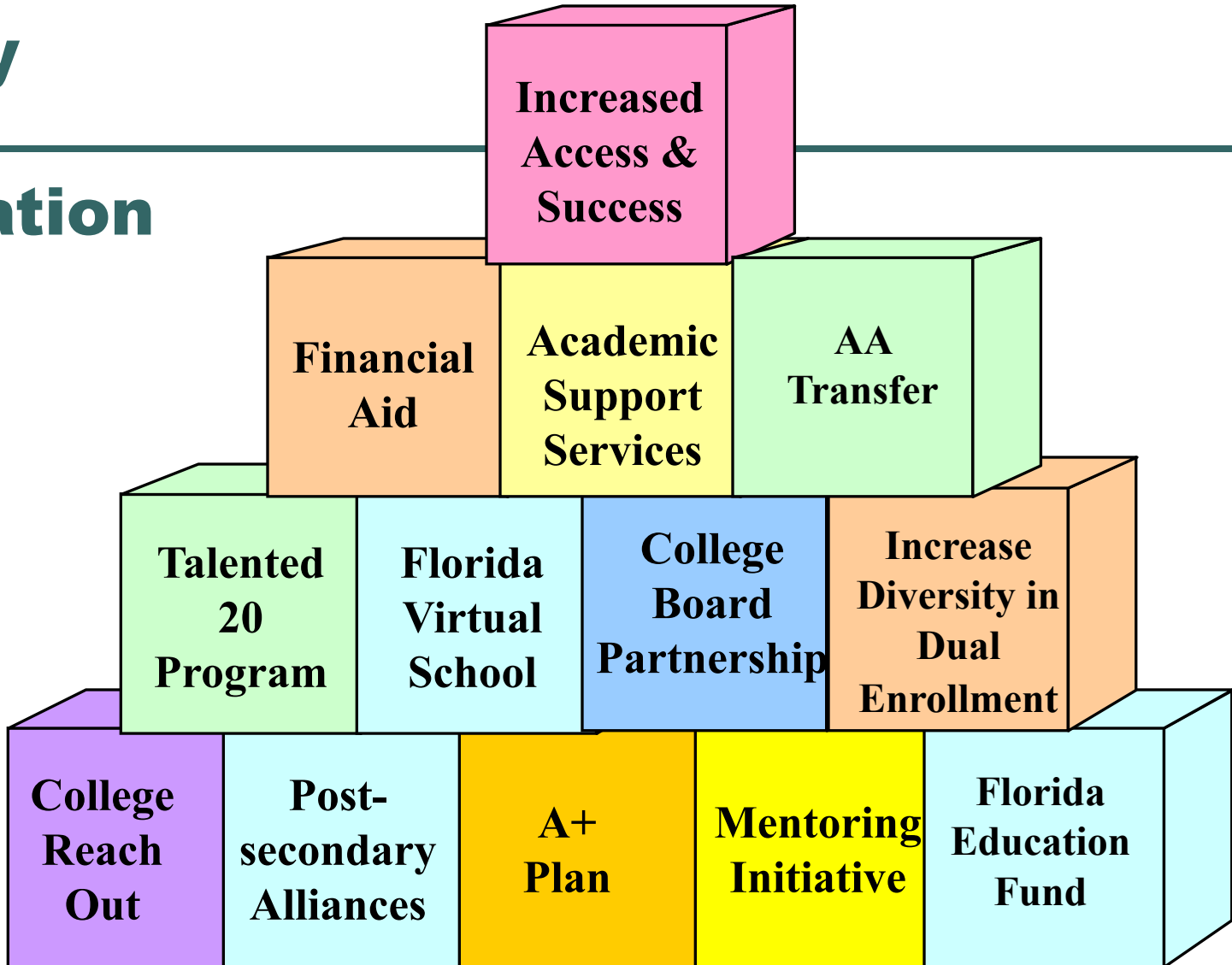


Equity in Education

Phase One – Increasing Middle School Rigor

Monica Hayes, Director
K-20 Office of Equity and Access
Florida Department of Education

Equity in Education



Florida Partnership

The mission of the partnership is to prepare, inspire, and connect students to postsecondary success and opportunity, with a particular focus on minority students and students who are underrepresented in postsecondary education.

**Florida Partnership for Minority and
Underrepresented Student
Achievement**

Section-1007.35, Florida Statutes

Florida Partnership

Increasing the Pipeline of better prepared students

- PRE-AP Rigor in Middle Schools
 - Provide Pre-AP workshops for teachers and administrators available to schools by competitive application
- AP Summer Institutes for teachers
- Counselor Leadership Conference
- Kaplan – Assist Middle school educators in analyzing state test data to address skill gaps in mathematics instructional support units
- Expanded Opportunity Grants

College Reach-Out Program

To strengthen the motivation and preparation of low-income and educationally disadvantaged students in grades 6-12 “who otherwise would be unlikely to seek admission to a community college, state university, or independent postsecondary institution without special support and recruitment efforts.”

(Section 1007.34 (1), Florida Statutes.

Twenty-three Years of Striving for Equity and Access

College Reach-Out Program

Programs and Services

- **After school and weekend tutoring/mentoring**
- **Cultural and educational enrichment outings**
- **Summer residency programs on community college/university campuses**
- **Florida Virtual School – 8th Grade FCAT Review**

FCAT Fitness Options

- Students enroll in FLVS and take the course for credit interacting with the FLVS teacher, or
- Students work online and offline submitting work to classroom teacher



Florida
VirtualSchool

College Reach-Out Program

Important Elements

- **Hands-on involvement of CROP staff is key to student development-role modeling**
- **Parental involvement is crucial for program success - drop out prevention and follow up**
- **The summer residential components enhance CROP year-round programs**
- **Many CROP projects offer scholarships to their students as part of the required cash match.**

College Reach-Out Program

Highlights

- **Since 1990, CROP has served 105,397 students**
- **In 04-05 programs spanned 38 postsecondary institutions serving 448 schools across 53 counties**
- **14 of the 45 CROP Directors have served for 10 or more years**

College Reach-Out Program

Highlights

- **1998-2003**
 - 82% of CROP students were academically promoted to the next grade
 - Average GPA for CROP high school students was 2.34
- **2002-03 CROP standard diploma graduates**
 - 82 percent were enrolled in Florida higher education system in 2003-04 compared to 57 percent of stratified random cohort.