

CIC has been a trusted and reliable resource for education and career exploration, planning and guidance for educators, parents, students and adult learners for more than a decade. During this time, the CIC websites and resources have been available free of charge to all users in the state. However, CIC's core federal funding ends June 30, 2018.

The end of federal support has prompted CIC to propose a shared funding model to partner agencies and organizations. This has also provided the opportunity to review, assess and consider an updated product and services. The Colorado Department of Higher Education and CIC are working collaboratively with several other state agencies and key partner organizations to jointly identify the most valuable education, training and career planning tools and resources that will meet the needs of all stakeholders.

CIC plans to maintain the current websites through at least Dec. 31, 2018 and potentially longer, depending on the products and services selected to update or replace the current sites. CIC is committed to minimizing any disruption in service and will continue to provide support and technical assistance to users, including carrying out all 2018 planned winter training workshops.

The goals during the next 12 to 18 months are to:

- minimize disruption in service to current College In Colorado users;
- obtain commitments for a sustainable funding stream;
- streamline individual access to tools and improve the user experience;
- ensure access to the future product including retaining valuable data;
- utilize new technology solutions for efficiency, effectiveness and outcomes tracking.

CIC needs grassroots support to reimagine a sustainable individual career and academic planning product that will meet your needs. While we are aware that money is tight in school districts and other organizations across the state, there may be a fee for use of the College In Colorado resources for the 2018-19 school year as well as for the replacement system in future years. If commitments for sustainable funding are not realized by June 30, 2018, CIC will begin a six-month decommissioning process through December 2018. Currently, similar products have a per-user cost range of \$2-5. Please consider this potential fee and the number of your users as you apply for grants or review your budget in early 2018.

While we're not 100 percent certain what the future holds for CIC, we're more committed than ever to the work of assisting students and job seekers of any age to find their pathway to success. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with questions and we look forward to introducing you to the cross-agency partnership work after the start of the year.

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