



January 16, 2018

Dear Superintendents and BOCES Directors,

**Subject: Take Immediate Action: The State's Free ICAP Implementation Tool Is in Jeopardy**

On Dec. 12, 2017, College In Colorado sent an [important message](#) to superintendents and BOCES directors about the future of CIC and its many resources. Similar communications were also sent to school counselors and shared in the December issue of [The Next Step](#) newsletter.

These communications outlined a shift in the way CIC products and services will be offered and delivered. CIC's core federal funding ends **June 30, 2018. That means College In Colorado can no longer be offered free of charge beginning July 1, 2018.** Since these communications went out, we have heard from a number of counselors and others of their deep concern.

**What we're doing to ensure you have the ICAP tools you need at a reasonable price**

CIC has proposed a shared funding model to partner agencies and organizations along with the opportunity to review, assess and design updated products and services. The Colorado Department of Higher Education and CIC are working collaboratively with the Workforce Development Council, Department of Human Services, Department of Labor and Employment and others to jointly identify the most valuable education, training and career planning tools and resources that will meet the needs of all stakeholders. Agency partners have been asked to commit to a sustained financial investment. If you would like to participate in these conversations, please contact CIC Director [Julia Pirnack](#).

**Take Action**

CIC also needs your support to provide an individual career and academic planning (ICAP) product that will meet your needs. We have been proud to offer a superior system free of charge to the State for more than a decade, However, it has become necessary to defray some of the cost for the College In Colorado platform and services for the 2018-19 school year as well as for the replacement system in future years. Currently, similar products have a per-student cost range of \$2-5 or more.

**1. Apply for CDE Grants to Help Cover the Cost of a New Product**

Visit the [CDE Competitive Grants and Awards](#) webpage or contact Eve Pugh, CDE grant coordinator at [pugh\\_e@cde.state.co.us](mailto:pugh_e@cde.state.co.us).

**2. Talk to your Chief Financial Officer**

See if there is money you can carve out of your 2018-19 budget to use CIC, and in future years, the replacement product.

**3. Contact Us**

We are happy to discuss your concerns and suggestions including whether you can participate in funding or in the product design conversation. Contact [Julia Pirnack](#).

**4. Be Aware and Informed**

Be aware and informed of the changes coming. Communicate with counselors and other staff that may be impacted by this shift and reach out if you need assistance. The attached flowchart explains the timeline and key changes over the course of the next school year.