Parent Engagement Curriculum: A Work in Progress
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Helping you plan, apply, and pay for college
What Is CFNC?

501(c)(3) nonprofit - administers grants, loans and savings program on behalf of the state

State agency responsible for statewide college aid programs – grants scholarships, loans, 529 savings

State-funded K-16 partnership (NCDPI, NCCCS, NCICU, UNC) administered by UNC General Administration

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To increase the college-going rate in North Carolina with particular attention toward “first-generation” college students.

Two obstacles facing first-generation college students:
(1) Can I really go to college in NC?
(2) Can I afford to go to college?
CFNC.org Stats as of February 2010

- 3,131,331 student accounts created
- 1,748,763 online applications submitted
- 220,594 High school transcripts delivered
- 12,445 Daily Visitors 11 min/visit
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Access Your Account
Username
Password

Choose a role to get started on CFNC >>>

Check it Out
College Readiness Now Open
Explore Career Opportunities
Apply for State and Federal Aid

CFNC Events
Webinars, Seminars, and Training Classes on a variety of subjects.

News & Notes
CFNC 2009 Stats Show Thousands Helped
50,000 Applications Submitted During College Application Week
Student Transfer Navigator Adds Transfer Courses

Featured Resources
GEAR UP North Carolina
NC 529 Plan
My CFNC Story

Financial Aid Primer
Answers to questions about the financial aid process

eLearning.gov Opportunities
Explore the many options for Online Learning available in North Carolina

Paws in Jobland
A fun way to introduce elementary students to future career opportunities

SIGN UP FOR FAFSA DAY NOW!
use our easy online form
LEARN MORE
PARENT
Discover useful tools to help your child plan, apply, and pay for college

Get involved in career planning
Explore the changing world of work
Guide your child on the steps to college
Help your child with their college planning
Learn about local colleges
How can you pay for college?
Career Exploration and Academic Planning

Objectives: Parents will be able to

1. Understand the value of career exploration and its relationship to college planning.
2. Identify the role of assessments (interests, values, skills) in career planning.
3. Compare the three main types of colleges in North Carolina.
4. Select (with their child) high school courses based on NC graduation requirements.
5. Describe admissions requirements for the different post-secondary institutions.

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# Financial Aid / College Planning Timeline for Parents

**Objectives:** Parents will be able to:

1. Identify different ways to pay for college.
2. Describe the difference between a grant and a loan.
3. Understand why and when to complete the FAFSA.
4. Outline parental tasks to complete to prepare a child for college.
5. Locate and search a scholarship database.

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• Access to CFNC.org by presenter  
• How Do I Pay for College publication | |
| 30      | Create a time-line of parent tasks to prepare your child for college (5th – 12th grade) | • Publications,  
• College checklist  
• Are You On Track for College?  
• Guided Timelines  
• Templates  
• Colored Pencils | |
| 30      | Review Fin Aid Primer and Play Financial Aid Bingo | • Financial Aid Bingo Cards and Clues  
• Financial Aid Primer – CFNC.org | |
What do parents need to know about career and college planning?
North Carolina
College Access Conference

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