



On Point for College

Changing Lives Degree by Degree

Stacking Your Way to Success

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Overview of On Point for College

- Since 1999, helped more than 6,000 youth enroll in 216 colleges and universities
- Currently more than 2,500 students in college
- More than 1,600 graduates
- We break down barriers – work with students from application to graduation, and beyond!



Overview of On Point for Jobs



- Shadayvia Wallace
Keuka College, 2015
Syracuse University, 2015-present

- One-on-one advisement & career planning
- Resume, cover letter, and mock interviews
- Soft skill building and mentoring
- Job fair and networking event hosting

What are stackable credentials?

- Short postsecondary training or certificate programs
- Accelerated entrance to the job market
- Portable from one employer to another
- Ideally part of a “career pathway” with clear education, training, and support

In what communities do stackable credentials work?

- Large employer demand for candidates with occupational certificates
- Community support in both education and business
- Students who may not be ready for college
- Community support to create and promote “alternative” career pathways

In what industries do stackable credentials work?

- Industries that pay middle-class earnings – do not require bachelor's degree
- Manufacturing
- Healthcare
- Food Services
- Also: Education, Coding/Computer Networking

From a CBO's perspective: How do you create stackable credentials?

1. Provide the non-content "job-relevant" skills
2. Identity community partnerships
3. Lessons learned that impact success

1: Provide the Non-Content "Job-Relevant" Skills

- Soft Skills
- Leadership & Team Building
- Cross-Cultural and Global Fluency
- *Consider - How can my organization provide the non-content "job-relevant" skills to support stackable credentials?*

2: Identity Community Partnerships

- Build relationships with community colleges and employers
- Leverage existing “collaborative” entities
- *Consider - Who are the community partnerships in my community that can support stackable credentials?*

3: Lessons Learned that Impact Success

- Help students understand what it means to go through a “career pathway”
- Understand learning styles and life situations
- *Consider - What are the potential “barriers” to success in my community?*

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Resources

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- State-Level Reforms That Support College-Level Program Changes in North Carolina (*R. Edward Bowling, Sharon Morrissey, George M. Fouts*)
- Educating for uncertainty (*Gardner Campbell*)
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- Career Pathways in Disparate Industry Sectors to Serve Underserved Populations (*Debra D. Bragg*)
- Where Badges Work Better (*Daniel T. Hickey, James E. Willis, Joshua D. Quick*)
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- Scaling "Stackable Credentials" Implications for Implementation and Policy (Evelyn Ganzglass)
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