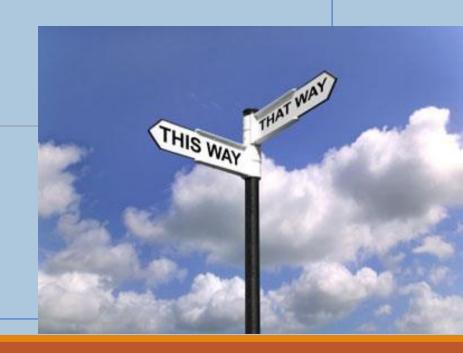


# Developmental Education At The Crossroads

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#### Developmental Education is...

"THE INTEGRATION OF COURSES AND SUPPORT SERVICES GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLES OF ADULT LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT."

SADDLEMIRE, 1976, BOYLAN, 1999, BOYLAN & BONHAM, 2014

#### **Developmental Education**

Has been erroneously redefined by the media as consisting only of remedial courses.

Has been falsely accused of stifling student success.

Has been attacked based on flawed and misrepresented research.

### Flawed and misrepresented research

MARTORELL & MCFARLIN, 2007 - claimed that those who took remedial courses should outperform those who didn't.

BAILEY, JEONG, & CHO, 2011 - using a non-random sample counted students who did not enroll in college level courses following remediation as "failures."

COMPLETE COLLEGE AMERICA, 2012 - claimed that since students taking remedial courses had lower graduation rates than those who didn't, these courses were the cause of student failure.

### Currently

- Developmental courses are being replaced by corequisite courses in 12 states and more are considering doing so.
- Hundreds of developmental instructors have lost jobs because they are not qualified to teach college level classes.
- Reading and writing courses are being integrated, usually reducing emphasis on reading.

### Currently

There is more research going on in developmental education than ever before.

There is more funding going into developmental education than ever before.

There is more support for improvement than ever before.

## Implications of The Reform Movement for Learning Assistance

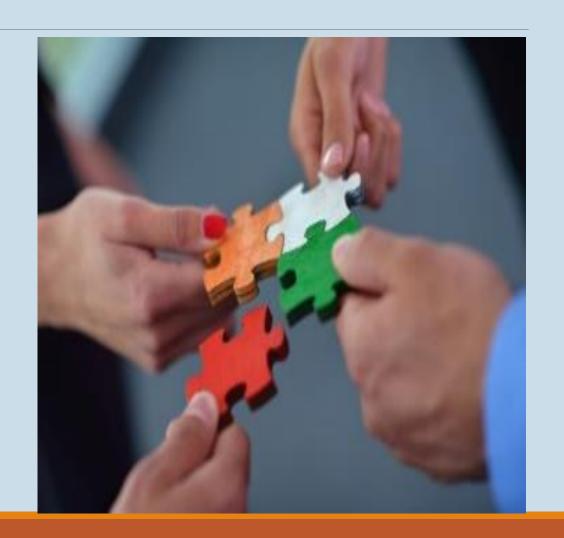
Greater pressures to prove that what we do contributes to retention and graduation.

Greater efforts to computerize learning assistance, tutoring, and advising to reduce costs.

Greater emphasis on collaboration with developmental courses and other campus and community services.

### Question...

How do you collaborate?



### Some Predictions

- More tutoring activities will be taken over by artificial intelligence programs.
- More computerized programs will replace academic advising and counseling.
- More support services will be outsourced to reduce costs.



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More pressure will be brought to integrate courses and services.

- More learning assistance personnel will have a stronger voice on campuses.
- More research on support services will become available.



### Have a Good Conference!

