CUNY Mapping Project

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What is the Prisoner Reentry Institute (PRI)?

- Center of research and action at John Jay College, committed to increasing access to higher education and career pathways for justice system involved people
 - Educational Initiatives
 - Career Pathways Initiatives
 - Policy Initiatives



Purpose of the Project to "map" CUNY

- 1. Understand
- 2. Complement
- Elevate

Ultimate goals:

- Develop a culture of inclusion
- Collectively define a more integrated and comprehensive system



Methodology

CUNY Provost's Office

Campus Liaisons Campus Meetings Student Meetings



Pockets of CUNY Activity

Divisions of the Central Office

- CUNY Central Office of Academic Affairs
- CUNY Central Office of Continuing Education and Workforce Programs
- CUNY Central Office of K-16
 Initiatives
- CUNY Central Office of Student Affairs

CUNY Campuses

- Borough of Manhattan Community College
- Bronx Community College
- CUNY Graduate Center
- CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies
- CUNY School of Law
- Hostos Community College
- John Jay College
- LaGuardia Community College
- Lehman College
- Queensborough Community College

Typology

- University-wide engagement
- Campus reentry committees
- Pre-college programs
- Non-credit bearing courses
- Credit-bearing courses inside and in the community
- Community support programs
- Faculty mentorship
- Outreach and partnerships



Key Takeaways

- Lots of enthusiasm, motivation, and desire to support justice-system impacted students
- People are largely unaware of the work taking place across the university
- Trying to do the same thing in slightly different ways
- Intersectionality among multiple sub-populations of students
- There is potential to do more, together



Recommendations

- Examine and refine policies to promote access to higher education for justice-system involved students
- Cultivate network of relationships among key contacts at each CUNY campus
- Create opportunities for more faculty and students to participate in programs, inside
- Support the expansion of pipeline models that delineate clear pathways to earning postsecondary education credentials
- Develop a comprehensive set of guidelines, resources, and best practices to support justice-system impacted students
- Develop mechanisms for ongoing communication and coordination across the university system



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