



“Beyond Financial Aid: How colleges can strengthen the financial stability of low-income students and improve outcomes”

Los Angeles Community College District

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9:00am-3:00pm

RSVP: <https://beyondfinancialaid.eventbrite.com>



What is Beyond Financial Aid:

Even after receiving financial aid, many low-income students have an unmet financial need that can significantly contribute to their failure to complete educational goals. Institutions can mitigate this unmet financial need by integrating supports that enable students to address the broader spectrum of financial hardships—nutrition, housing, transportation, childcare, as well as financial, tax, and legal services—while providing greater academic supports. The Beyond Financial Aid (BFA) guidebook is designed to support colleges in facilitating discussions around strengthening students’ financial stability in order to improve student success and completion.

Who should attend?

This training is open to all faculty, staff, and administrators. Lumina would like to address campus administrators, financial aid directors, counselors, and staff, institutional researchers, and faculty/staff who work one-on-one with students in special programs (i.e. first year experience, foster youth, EOP&S, Care, veterans, etc.) and faculty. Each campus will work together during the day as a campus team.

What are the benefits of BFA?

This workshop will prepare your college to take meaningful steps to begin expanding supports that make college more affordable for low-income students. Specifically, this workshop will (1) introduce BFA’s six concrete strategies with college examples for weaving expanded financial supports into your college’s success efforts and (2) provide ample time for your college team to engage with the BFA self-assessment instrument, designed to help your college assess its service capacities and map and identify sources of opportunity to offer these much-needed supports.

Presenters:

Priyadarshini Chaplot and Rob Johnstone are authors of the Beyond Financial Aid (BFA) guidebook (<http://www.luminafoundation.org/beyond-financial-aid>).

Rob Johnstone, founder and president of the National Center for Inquiry and Improvement, works to help two-year and four-year colleges create structures and processes that increase student completion and learning and improve labor market outcomes. His approach to inquiry and improvement fuses the world of foundations, initiatives and system-level policy changes with the ground-level work of college practitioners and college leaders. He has worked with more than 100 colleges around the country — both directly and as part of several foundation-funded initiatives. He served for more than a decade in the California community college system, working as a director, dean and provost. **Priyadarshini Chaplot** is a higher education consultant whose efforts support college practitioners in redesigning institutional programs, services and practices through use of research and evidence. She partners regularly with the National Center for Inquiry and Improvement, the Research and Planning Group for California Community Colleges (RP Group), Jobs for the Future, WestEd and individual community colleges and districts. In this work, she researches current issues in higher education, develops audience-specific communications, designs interactive learning opportunities for diverse groups of college practitioners, and provides technical assistance.

