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2025 Community Collaboration Challenge
Deadline to Apply: November 15th, 2024

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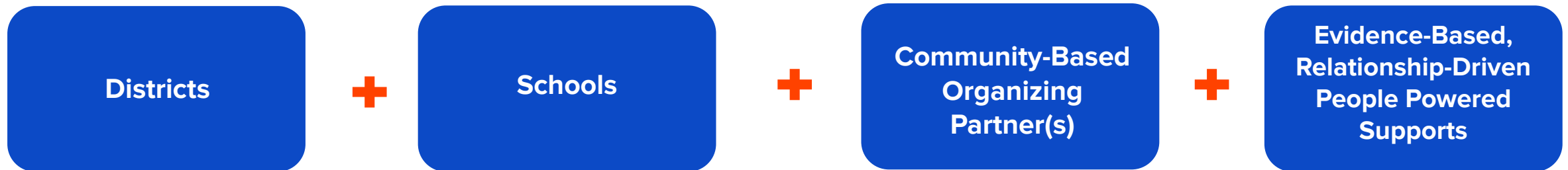


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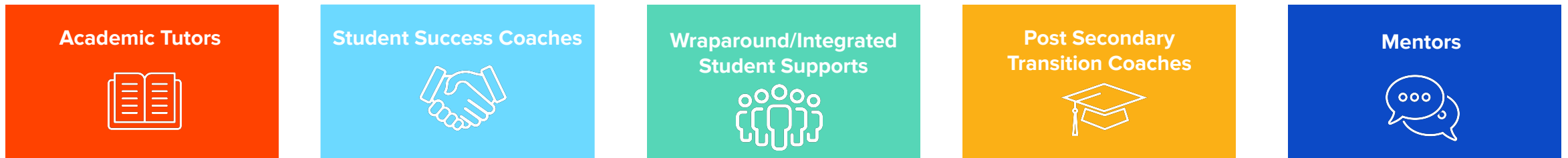
NPSS Overview

The NPSS is a public private partnership led by the **U.S. Department of Education**, **AmeriCorps**, and the **Johns Hopkins Everyone Graduates Center** that seeks to provide the leadership, organizational structures, and connective tissue to bring additional evidence-based person-powered student supports to schools and districts based on locally determined needs.

Local determination of student needs and collaboration



Menu of evidence-based supports to meet student needs



Getting the right support to the right students at the right scale and intensity

2025 Community Collaboration Challenge

Supported by the Leon Lowenstein Foundation, the 2025 Community Collaboration Challenge aims to:

- Create, scale, or pilot evidence-based NPSS aligned student supports—tutors, mentors, student success coaches, wraparound/integrated student support coordinators, and/or post-secondary transition coaches—in communities across the country
- Support local and state level collaboration
 - community-based organizations, LEAs, higher education institutions, state agencies, youth development/national organizations, and more
- Award \$5,000-\$10,000 micro grants; the amount will be determined based on the scale and scope of the proposed activities
- Funds disbursed in 3 payments, January-June, 2025

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The 2025 Challenge offers extra points for applicants:

- Looking to utilize people-powered supports as part of a larger strategy to address chronic absenteeism in their communities
- Engaging high school students in NPSS-aligned roles (e.g. high school students supporting their younger peers as tutors, mentors, etc.)

Priority will also be given to applicants who have been proven conveners in their community and can demonstrate the ability to activate networks to address a common goal

What We Offer

Funding

- Support collaborative efforts designed to create, expand, or pilot evidence-based NPSS aligned student supports—tutors, mentors, student success coaches, wraparound/integrated student support coordinators, and post-secondary transition coaches—in their communities.

Guidance

- A cohort model including 3 virtual sessions with other awardees.
- Access to an event toolkit including sample agenda, proposed activities, etc. to support the planning process.
- Access to FREE technical assistance, resources, and networks necessary to facilitate identification of quality, NPSS-aligned supports and connections to other schools and districts doing this work.

Networks

- Access and introductions to a network of communities also doing this work and access to the coalition of more than 200 NPSS Supporting Champions.

Common FAQs

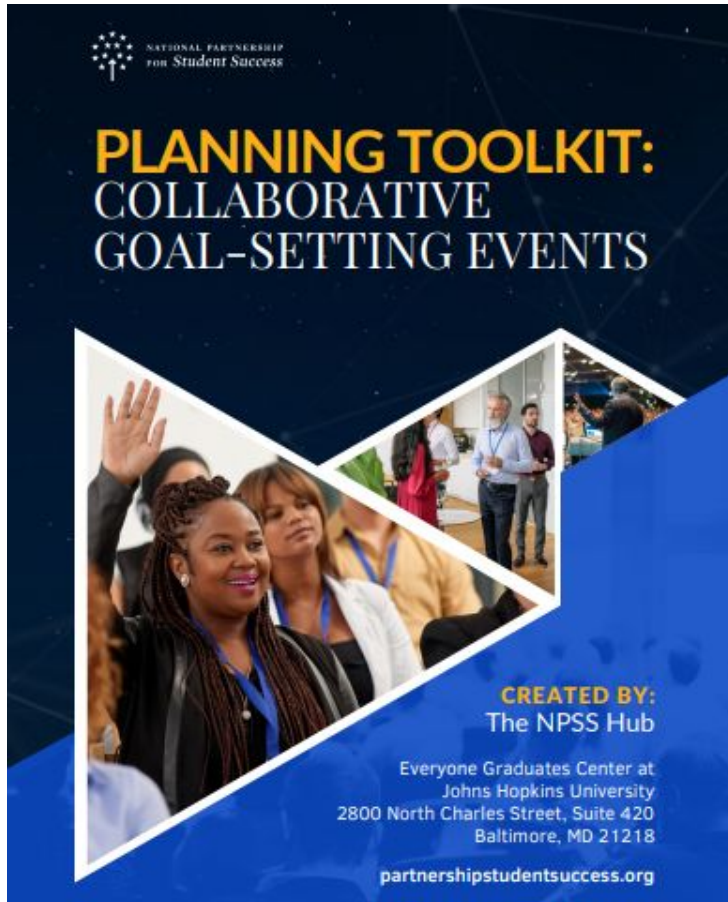
Is this challenge primarily focused on funding new strategies or does it also fund the expansion of the scope of currently implemented strategies? The Challenge is designed to support both new evidence-based strategies within a community and support the expansion or pilot of currently implemented ones.

Does the program have to partner with schools/school districts to be eligible? It is encouraged the proposed activities are part of a coordinated community effort, with diverse community stakeholders, including schools/school districts.

What limitations are there on the allowable uses for the funding?

- Expenses related to convening stakeholders, piloting or expanding student supports are the allowable uses of this funding.
- Funding can be used to expand an existing program, but it cannot be used simply to fund an existing program. We're looking for catalyzing opportunities so the application should explain how the funding will be used to do that. If it's simply to hire X amount of people to support Y more students, it likely won't score well. Additionally, an agreement does not already need to be in place but the ability to build these types of relationships will need to be demonstrated in the application.
- Funds may not be used for any of the following purposes: to attempt to influence legislation or the outcome of any specific public election; to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive; or to undertake any activities for a non-charitable purpose.
- Funds may not be used for purchases of alcohol or first or business class travel.

Toolkit for Planning Collaborative Goal-Setting Events



A public document created to help any community plan collaborative goal setting convenings and includes considerations for the planning process, invitees, program elements, and follow up.

Toolkit includes:

- (1) an overview of proposed meeting goals and convening elements;
- (2) a sample agenda; and
- (3) links to resources that can support your convening design and implementation.

2023 & 2024 Awardees



Additional 2024 Examples:

- NYC District 26 pilots mentoring opportunities by partnering with CUNY
- CIS of PA expands wrap-around integrated supports to another rural community in partnership with like-minded community organizations
- Coachella Valley Leadership Team of students advisors expand student leadership and civic engagement to include neighboring schools

What We Ask

Entities that are awarded funding will commit to:

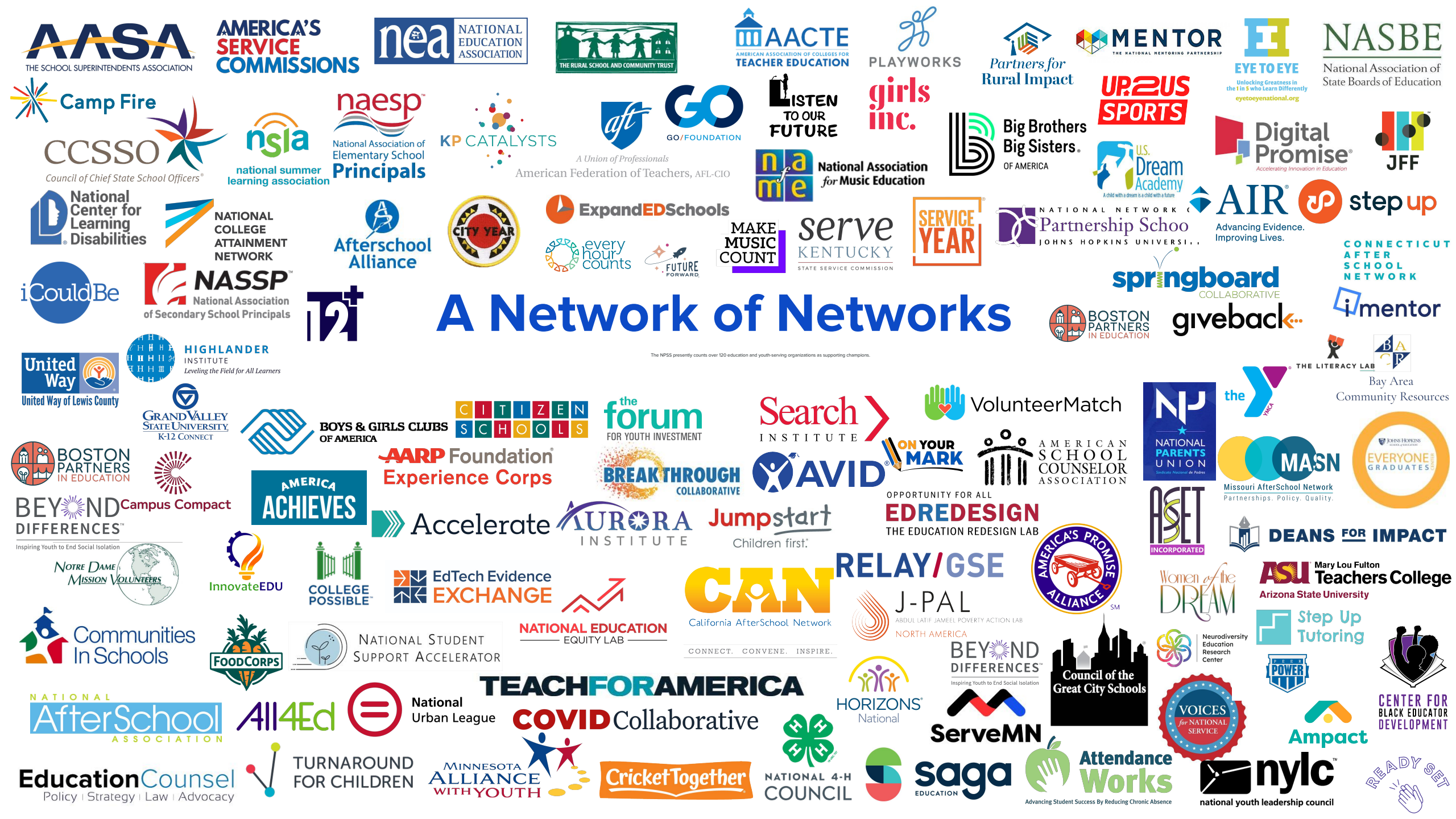
- **Completing deliverables by June 15th, 2025** that bring together diverse stakeholders in the awardee's community to collaborate, and start, expand, or pilot programs to bring people-powered and evidence based supports to students;
- **Participate in 3 virtual meetings (kickoff, mid-cycle and wrap-up)** for all awardees, as well as **a one-on-one check in meeting** via Zoom with NPSS staff during the stipend period;
- **Sharing information with the NPSS Hub** on progress, events and lessons learned, as well as barriers and opportunities for increasing people-powered and evidence-based student supports in their communities.

What's Next?

- BRIEF application is due November 15, 2024
 - Please note: the application does not save while in progress; we encourage drafting responses in a word doc and pasting them into the form
- Awardees will be notified mid-December

Questions?

- Email information@npstudentsuccess.org
- **NEW! November 13th Webinar & Info Session** - Register here:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtdu6ggT0tHNEx8-wMtzDNbec2l8HM0eqK#/registration>



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