

# RESEARCH IN CALIFORNIA DUAL ENROLLMENT: BARRIERS, INNOVATIONS, POLICY LANDSCAPE

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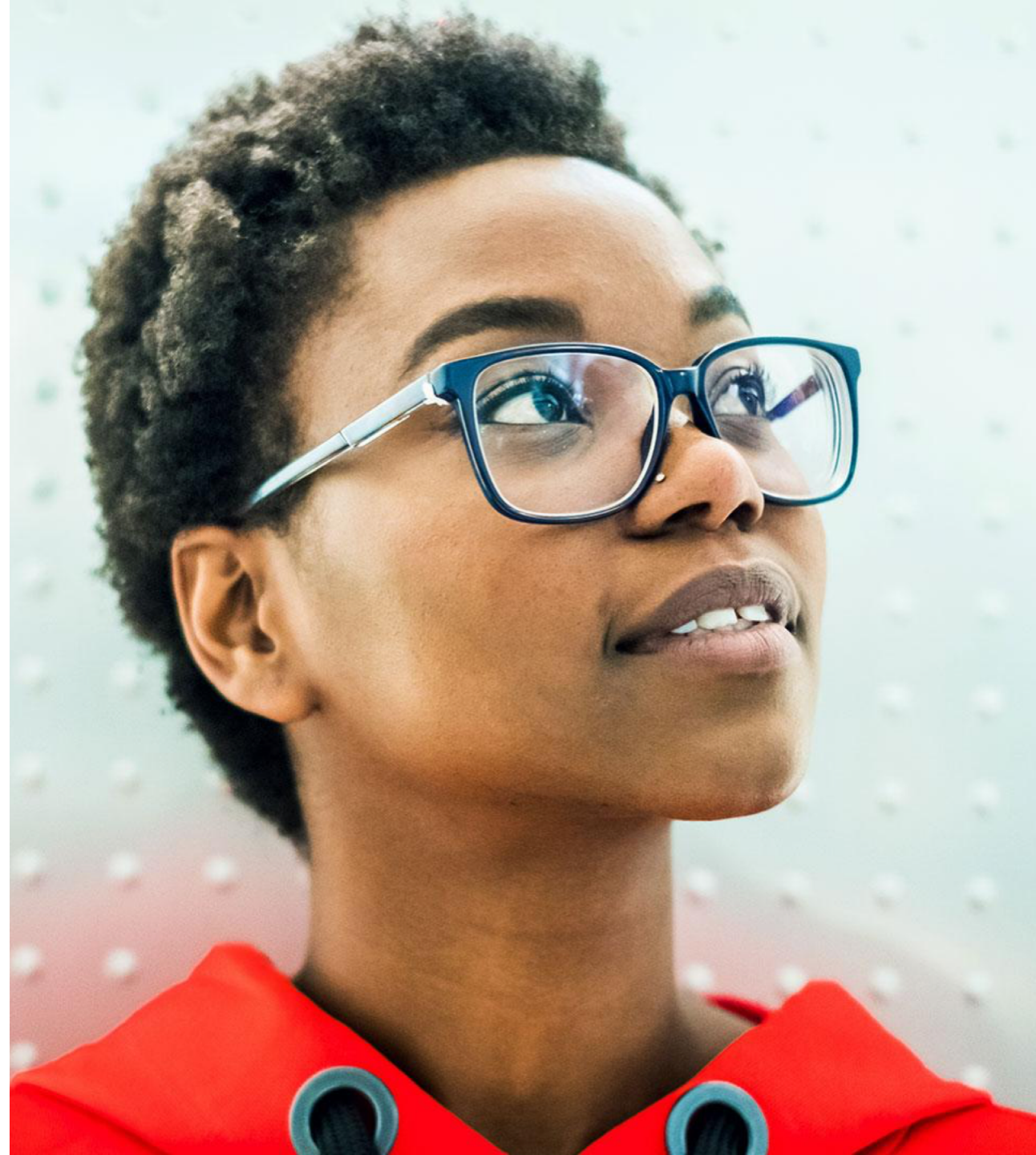
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#### Bringing Student Voices to Guided Pathways Inquiry and Design: Findings from Student Focus Groups at Two California Community Colleges

August, 2017

"I've been guilty of this—and it is a common thing in here—where you take class after class and you kind of forget your end goal... but it would be great to hav..."



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# AGENDA

**About Our Research**

**California's Dual Enrollment Landscape**

**CLP Research Findings: Institutional Challenges and Bright Spots**

**JFF Research Findings: System-Level Barriers and Examples from Other States**

**A Proposed Agenda for Advancing Dual Enrollment in CA: Your Input and Feedback**

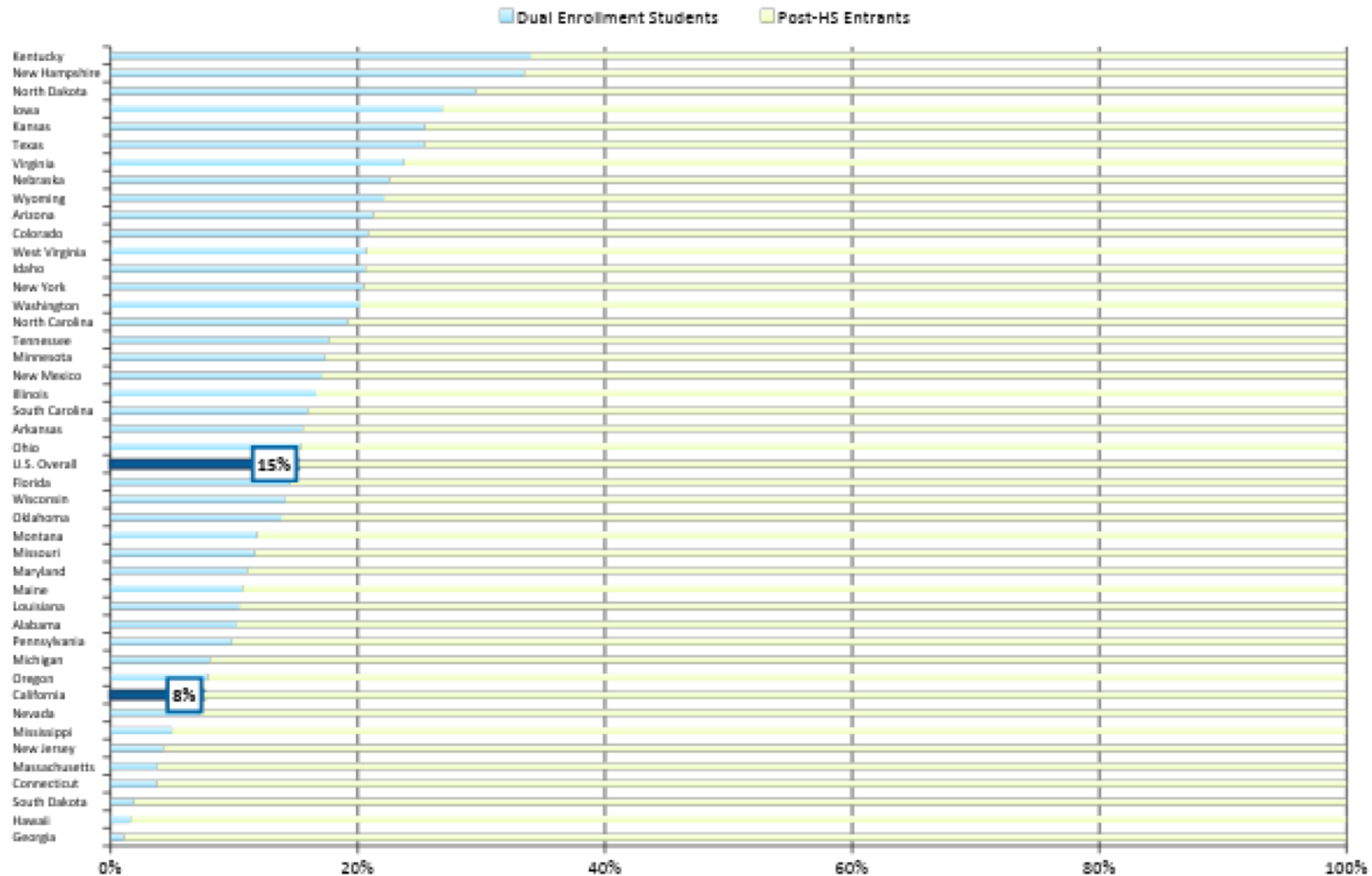
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## RECENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

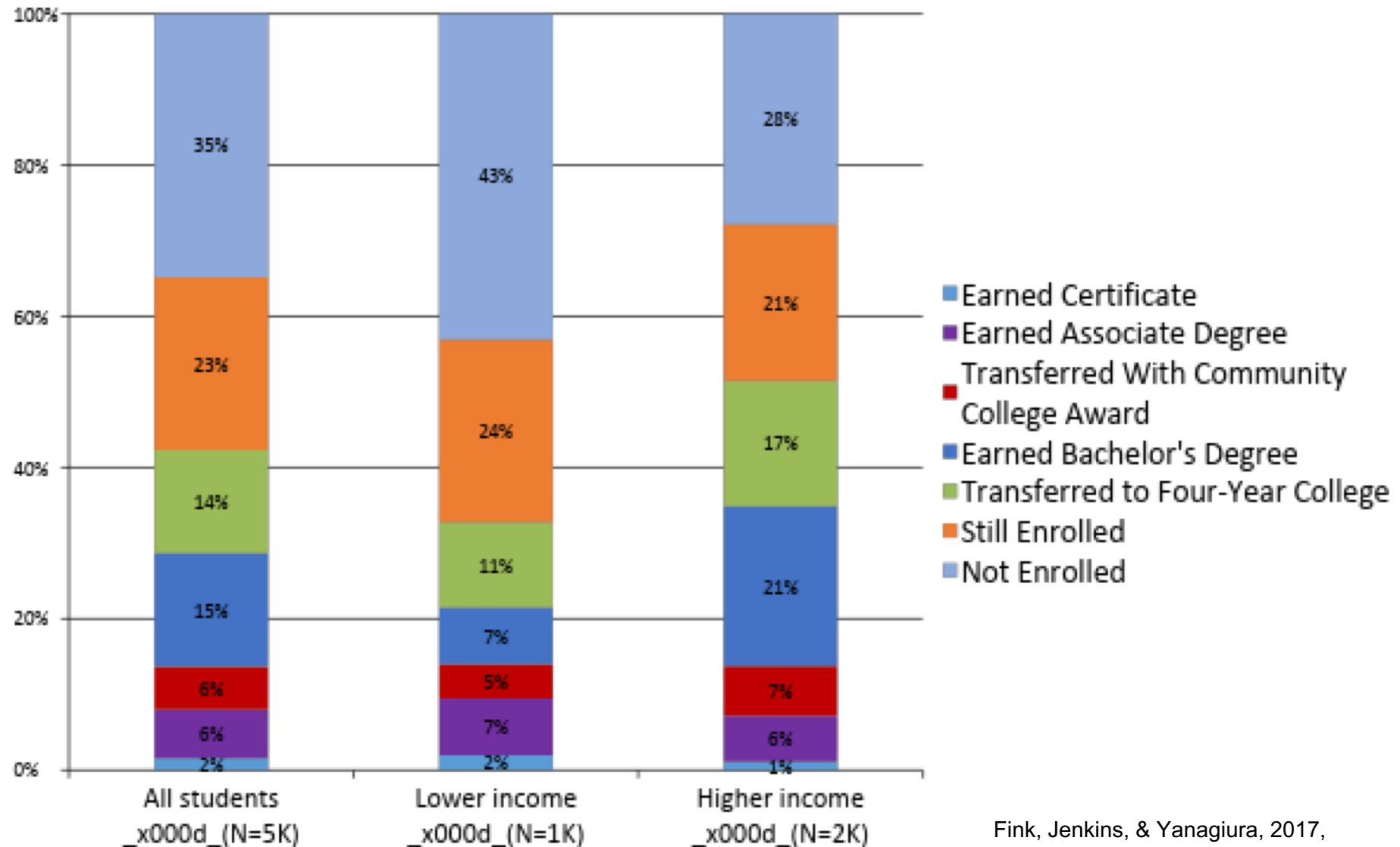
# DUAL ENROLLMENT RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. What did dual enrollment look like in CA on the cusp of AB 288?
1. What did AB 288 attempt to solve?
3. What barriers do schools/colleges continue to have with respect to expanding high-quality dual enrollment?
4. What experiences from other states could be instructive for CA?

### Percent of Community College Entrants who are in High School Dual Enrollment, by State



**California:** Highest Outcomes in Six Years by Income Among Students Who Participated in Dual Enrollment at Age 17 and First Matriculated at a **Community College** at Ages 18–20



## TWO TYPES OF DUAL ENROLLMENT IN CA

### Non-CCAP

- Schools & colleges
- Open classes
- Advanced scholastics & vocational
  
- MIS
- Random acts or planned

### CCAP (AB 288)

Districts & district

- Closed classes
- Students who are underrepresented & may not go to college
- MIS + data sharing
- Pathways
  - CTE
  - Transfer
  - HS graduation
  - College & career readiness



## CURRENT STATE OF DUAL ENROLLMENT IN CA

- Majority of students come to the college on their own
- Slow uptake of AB 288; less anxiety around compliance
- Implementation challenges, as infrastructure, staffing and practice issues not addressed
- Expansion provides innovation and “bright spots”
  - Deepening of partnerships
  - Holistic, structured programs with integrated supports;
  - Rethinking the college culture and who is a college student
  - Focus on underrepresented students and their families

## CLP FINDINGS

### 48 COLLEGES:

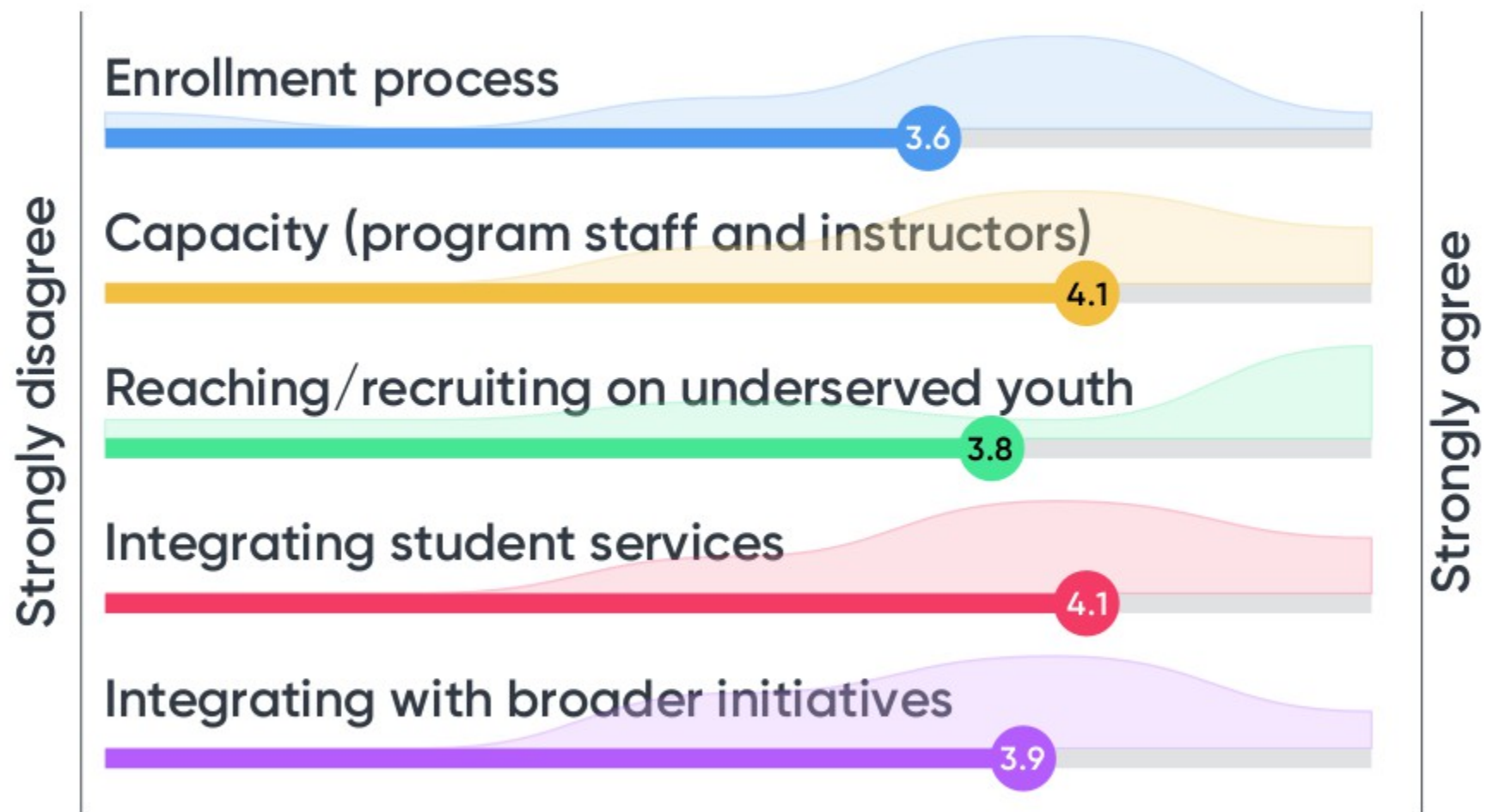
- Data collection & enrollment
- Capacity & implementation
- Underserved youth
- Student services
- Growth with quality
- Integration
- Uncertainty about commitment at state level
- Uncertainty about new funding formula

<http://www.careerladdersproject.org/dual-enrollment-landscape/>

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# This issue is a significant challenge at my site/in the sites I work with:



## CLP FINDINGS

### **GOOD NEWS:**

- Colleges and high schools innovating
- CCAP seen as just one tool among many
- Commitment of leadership = strong partnerships
- Thoughtful pathways designs leading to certificates, degrees and transfer
- Reedley
  - robust pathway
  - district dual enrollment committee
  - data sharing for intervention
- East Los Angeles
  - community asset model
  - adult ed + dual enrollment

## SYSTEMS-LEVEL BARRIERS IN CA

- Lack of a common framework for defining best practices and validating program quality
- Lingering worries about “double dipping”
- Lack of coherent, coordinated state-level college completion agenda
- Collective bargaining concerns

# These are significant challenges in California



## PROMISING PRACTICES AND POLICY LESSONS: OTHER STATES

- High-level leadership/vision
  - Governor's office support
- Dual enrollment as part of statewide college and career success strategic plans
- Framework for quality control and best practices
  - NACEP standards;
  - Pathway requirements
- “Hold harmless” funding policies
  - Based on analysis of long-term cost benefits for the state
- Meaningful HS teacher- college faculty engagement
  - Shared roles for program design and quality assurance

A PROPOSED AGENDA

## KEY CONDITIONS FOR ADVANCING DUAL ENROLLMENT IN CALIFORNIA

1. **Articulate a coherent vision of the role of high-quality, equitable** dual enrollment within the college completion movement in CA
2. **Build capacity**, share effective practice, and address known implementation challenges
3. **Build broader demand for high-quality dual enrollment**
4. **Identify additional policy opportunities**, as well as policy barriers and considerations for future legislation, before the sunset of AB 288 in 2022

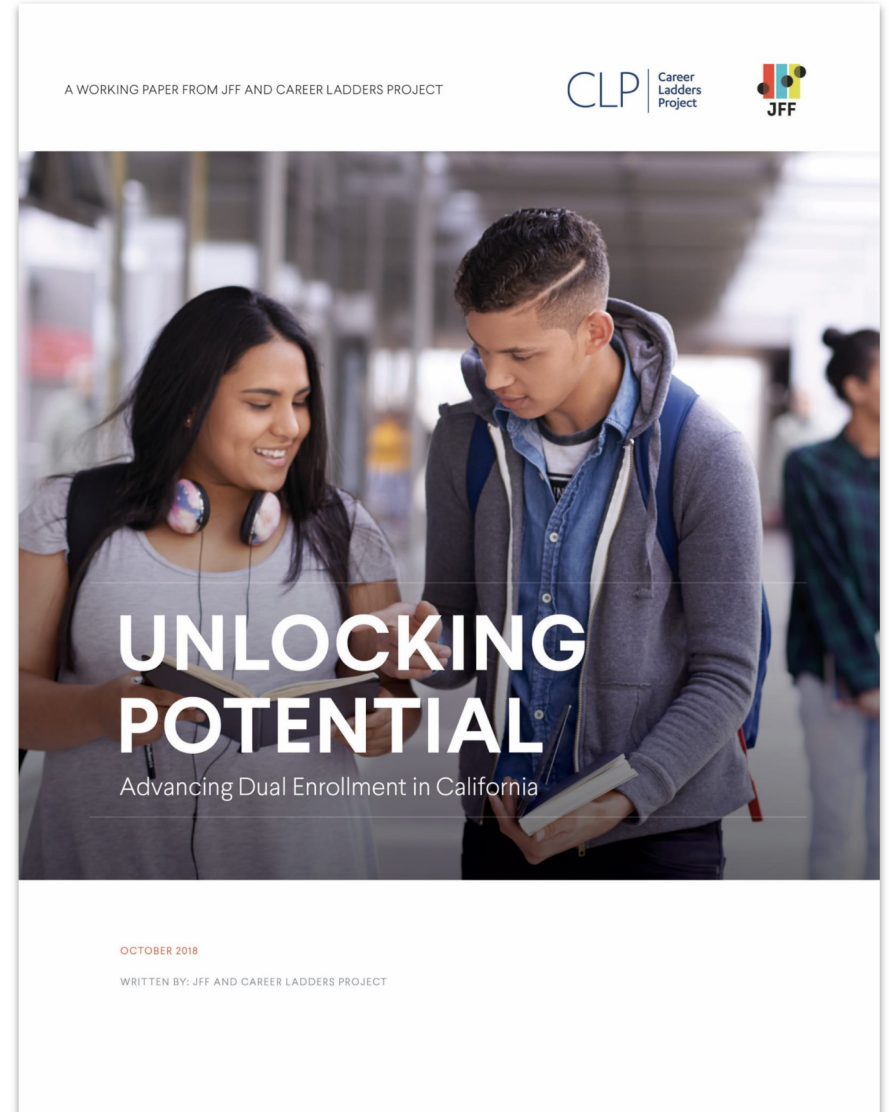


## Unlocking Potential

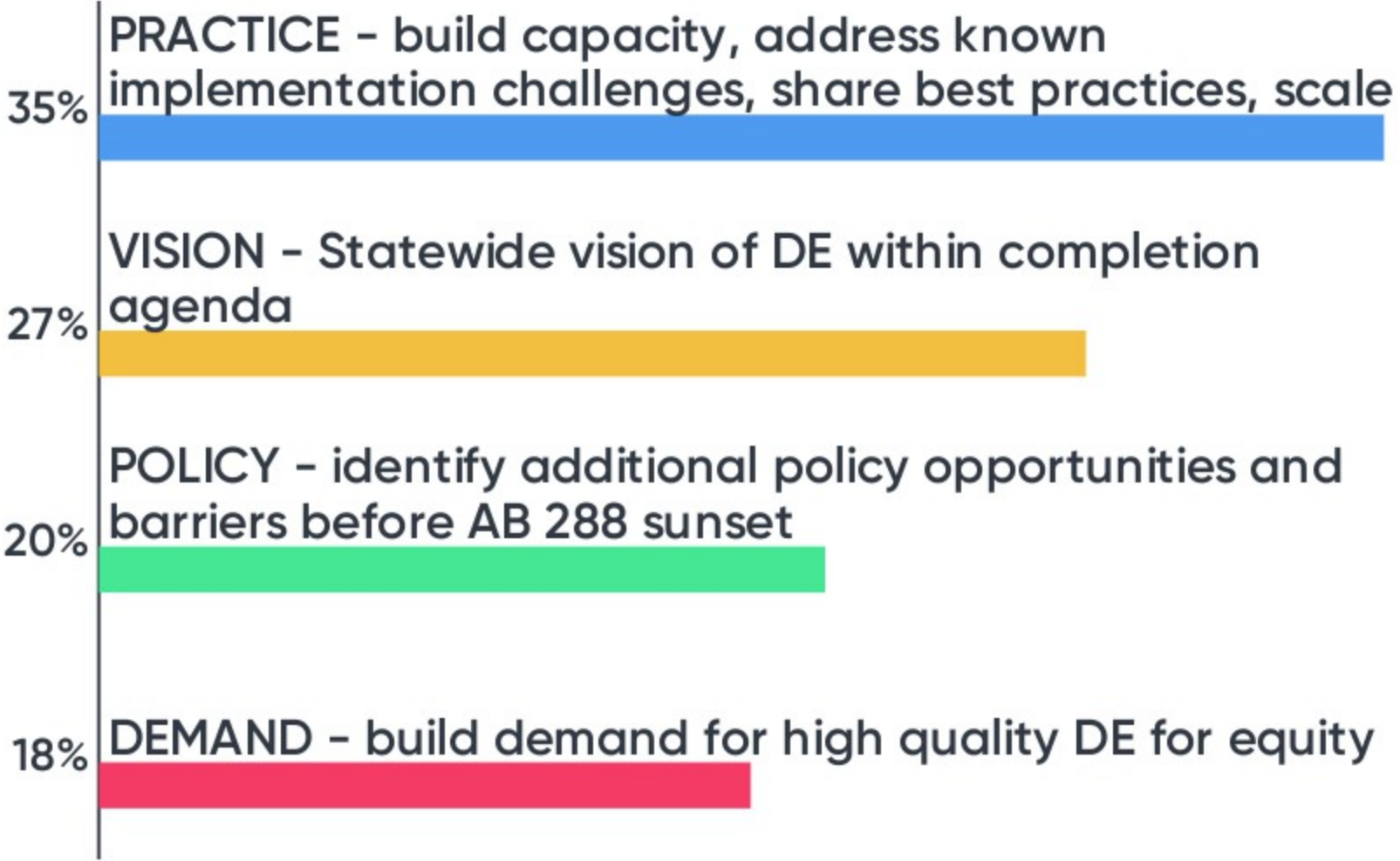
# Advancing Dual Enrollment in California

- Summary of lessons learned across both CLP and JFF's research projects
- Strategic leverage points for advancing high-quality dual enrollment with a focus on equity

<https://www.jff.org/resources/dual-enrollment-california-applying-national-lessons-state-challenges/>



# Which area(s) are most important to advancing dual enrollment in California?



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