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Subject: FW: Gratitude & Follow-up Resources for NSC's Policy Action Lab on Holistic Supports

Hi,

So sorry for the delay. I attended this event. Thank you.

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“Working with community partners, we connect Chicago residents and families to resources that build stability, support their well-being, and empower them to thrive.”

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Hi everyone,

I hope you all had an easy trip home from Chicago last week! Thank you again for joining us for NSC's Policy Action Lab and for bringing such great energy and enthusiasm to the event itself. It was a pleasure to meet many of you for the first time or for the first time in person, and I continue to feel so much gratitude for all of the work you do and commitment you have to making our postsecondary system work better for all learners. I learned a lot from all of you and hope you came away with ideas, strategies, and action items to move the needle on providing holistic supports to students pursuing short-term postsecondary pathways.

As a follow-up to the event, I wanted to share a [Google folder](#) with related materials and resources. In the folder you'll find:

- The agenda and participant list.
- The main slide deck as well as Carrie Welton's slides on the basic needs policy landscape.
- A list of National Skills Coalition resources connected to the topic of non-degree credentials, including everything from financial aid and holistic supports to data and quality, as well as a few other resources we've published that might be helpful or informative.
- A few pictures from the event (if you have some of your own, I'd love to add them to the folder! Feel free to send them my way – lindseyrc@nationalskillscoalition.org).

In addition, I wanted to remind everyone of upcoming content and opportunities to engage with us, under our Expanding College and Career Possibilities (ECCP) Policy Action Initiative:

- **ECCP Updates:** You'll all be added to our monthly ECCP Initiative news update email, which shares curated content, resources, and event announcements.
- **PAL Blog Post:** This month or early next month, we'll release a blog post summarizing key takeaways and sharing themes from the Policy Action Lab (PAL) in Chicago.
- **Virtual Learning Event:** Mark your calendars – October 1, from 1-2:30pm ET – for NSC's third iteration of its virtual learning series, featuring learning, examples, and recommendations from our Making College Work Student Advisory Council and our state partners connected to improving holistic supports for students pursuing non-degree learning. Everyone will receive an invitation with a link to register for the virtual event in the next few weeks.

- **Holistic Supports & Student Voice Policy Brief:** NSC will release a brief in December sharing the expertise and insights of the MCW Student Advisory Council about what they have experienced in skills training and what they want and need from policy and education leaders.
- **Opportunities for technical assistance:** NSC will be offering states both “light-touch” and “intensive” TA opportunities for the next 6-7 months connected to the ECCP Initiative. If you have any interest in learning more, know of specific information or resources that might be helpful for your work, or have ideas about a more in-depth area of support that you might be interested in pursuing in collaboration with us, please let us know! You can email any of my colleagues Cced on this email to start these conversations.

Finally, if you haven't already, please let us know your thoughts about the event and how we can improve in the future by filling out this **very quick** [feedback form](#).

Thank you again for your contributions and engagement at the convening last week and I look forward to continuing to work with and alongside all of you in the future!

Sincerely,

Lindsey

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