



**To:** Senior Public Institutions  
County Colleges  
Public Mission Independent Institutions that Receive State Operating Aid

**From:** Office of the Secretary of Higher Education

**Date:** October 18, 2023

**Subject:** Upcoming Basic Needs in Higher Education Statewide Convening

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The New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) is excited to announce that it will be hosting a Basic Needs in Higher Education Statewide Convening on **Friday, November 17, 2023 at Kean University from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** This one-day convening will provide a space for institutions to discuss strategies and learn more about efforts to address students' basic needs insecurities.

The agenda will feature the official launch of the State's [BasicNeeds.NJ.Gov](https://www.basicneeds.nj.gov) website, key findings from the Hunger-Free Campus survey, and presentations from national and local experts—including scholar-activist Dr. Sara Goldrick-Rab and Complete College America representatives. A final agenda and meeting logistics will be shared in advance of the convening.

### **Institutional Convening Participants**

Public institutions of higher education and public-mission independent institutions that receive state operating aid are eligible attend. Due to limited space, each institution will be allotted space for **three (3) representatives** to attend event. Because the convening will include discussion and workshop opportunities, we recommend sending practitioners who work most directly with providing basic needs supports to students (e.g., student affairs/dean of students, support program advisors, residence life, financial aid, wellness/mental health counseling, and diversity, equity, and inclusion). **We also welcome and encourage institutions to invite students as part of your institution's three-person team.**

### **Registration Deadline – 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

To register for the event, each institution must submit one institution registration form with the list of all designated participants. The registration link was sent to institution presidents on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

If your institution has questions regarding the registration form or the convening, please contact Suchir Govindarajan, Special Assistant and Policy Analyst, at [Suchir.Govindarajan@oshe.nj.gov](mailto:Suchir.Govindarajan@oshe.nj.gov).