



To: Senior Public Institutions
 County Colleges
 Public-Mission Independent Institutions that Receive State Operating Aid
From: Office of the Secretary of Higher Education
Date: November 1, 2023
Subject: Basic Needs in Higher Education Statewide Convening Updates and Registration Reminder

The New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) is 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 event 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.

Tentative Agenda

TIME	SESSION
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Check-in and Light Refreshments
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Opening Remarks
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Keynote Presentation by Dr. Sara Goldrick-Rab: Advancing New Jersey’s Basic Needs Supports for Equitable Impact
11:10 AM – 12:10 PM	Presentation by the Pennsylvania Department of Education
12:10 PM – 1:00 PM	<i>Lunch, Networking, and Institution Team Check-in</i>
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	BasicNeeds.NJ.Gov: Centralizing Basic Needs Resources for College Students
1:30 PM – 2:15 PM	Complete College America: An Introduction
2:15 PM – 2:50 PM	Panel Discussion: From the Ground Up: Building Basic Needs Supports on Campus
2:50 PM – 3:20 PM	From Data to Action: New Jersey Hunger-Free Survey Results
3:20 PM – 3:30 PM	Closing Remarks

A final agenda and meeting logistics will be shared in advance of the convening.

Registration Deadline Reminder – 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 2nd

Public institutions of higher education and public-mission independent institutions that receive state operating aid are invited to send **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.**

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 18th.

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.