

# The State, DHE, and CCHE Context

# Colorado Context

- Colorado is a growth state- 8<sup>th</sup> in the nation
- 47% of population (25-64) have at least an Associate Degree

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- 33% of Colorado-born residents have at least an associate degree, well below the national average of 52%
- Only 23% of Colorado-born residents have a bachelor's degree, also below the average of 42%

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- High Remediation Rates
- Underserved Hispanic Population
- Low state funding, low tuition, low financial aid

# Remediation Rates 2006

- Two Year Public Institutions – 56%
- Four Year Institutions – 20%
- Overall Rate – 30%

# Remedial Course Work

- 44,395 students
- 126,800 credit hours
- 17,771 students failed or took incompletes

# Underserved Hispanic Population

- The Hispanic Population is the Fastest Growing Demographic in Colorado
- 38% have not graduated from high school
- Only 6% have an associate degree
- Only 8% have a bachelors degree

# Underserved Hispanic Population

- 33% increase in jobs requiring and undergraduate degree anticipated by 2012
- The only way to fill the demand will require growing the college-bound Hispanic population

# State Funding, Tuition, Financial Aid

- Colorado ranks 8<sup>th</sup> in the nation in personal income per capita
- Colorado ranks 49<sup>th</sup> out of 50 in state & local support for public higher education
- Colorado tuition is relatively affordable compared to national averages

# State Funding, Tuition, Financial Aid

- Community Colleges tuition – 80% of Peers
- Four Year Institutions – 64% of Peers
- Research Universities – 86% of Peers

# State Funding, Tuition, Financial Aid

- Estimated Need-Based U.G. grant dollars /U.G. FTE
- United States                      \$446
- WICHE                                      \$386
- Colorado                                  \$274
- Colorado ranks 26<sup>th</sup> out of 50 states

# Making Opportunity Affordable Planning Grant

- The goal is to advance the goal of increasing degree attainment of Colorado citizens from 43% to 55% by 2025

# Meeting the degree attainment goal

- Work Closely with K-12 colleagues to improve the overall state education system from P/K to 16/20.
- Coordinate closely with Colorado Department of Education, 178 school districts, and local school boards
- Increase the low college going rate
- Decrease the rate of remediation

# Meeting the degree attainment goal

- Help implement the Preschool to Postsecondary Alignment Act to bring about systemic change in the success rate of Colorado students

# SB212 – The First Task

- Describing Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness