

Designing a First Year Transition Program: Summer Bridge is Just the Beginning

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History & Context

- Previous models
- Funding requirements - opportunities and challenges
- Research on program effectiveness
- Summer Bridge 2017 as a foundation for first year success



Approach to Program Design

- Engage the entire campus
- Leverage existing resources
- Transitions are intentional, promoting student agency
- Focus on meaningful assessment

Lessons Learned (So Far)

- Intentionality (identify what you want to accomplish and embrace activities that support your goals)
- Leverage existing resources (easier to expand programming than create new ones)
- Engage the right people at the right time