

MIPSA (Midwest Inclusive Post Secondary Alliance)
Strategic Capacity Building Proposal

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2. Project Abstract of 500 words or less (may be single spaced)

The nonprofit organization, EXCEL: Expanding College for Exceptional Learners, is partnering with the Midwest Inclusive Postsecondary Alliance (MIPSA) to expand, enhance and grow the capacity of the post-secondary movement within Missouri and our neighbor states. MIPSA is an alliance of inclusive postsecondary programs in Missouri and also in neighboring states. Funding to formally develop a structure for MIPSA, host a website, and offer high-quality programming to stakeholders. Through implementing a summit, regional meetings, student leadership program, and an alumni network, MIPSA will have the following outcomes.

- Greater visibility through the website and conferences.
- Increase quality of existing programs as evidenced by 75% of MIPSA programs adopting Think College/NCC's accreditation standards.
- Provide information to families, students, nonprofits, policymakers, IHEs and other partners regarding programs and collaborative efforts.
- Greater engagement of students with intellectual developmental disabilities in their colleges and universities as students and as alumni.
- Increased alignment between policy and guidance for inclusive postsecondary education programs.