



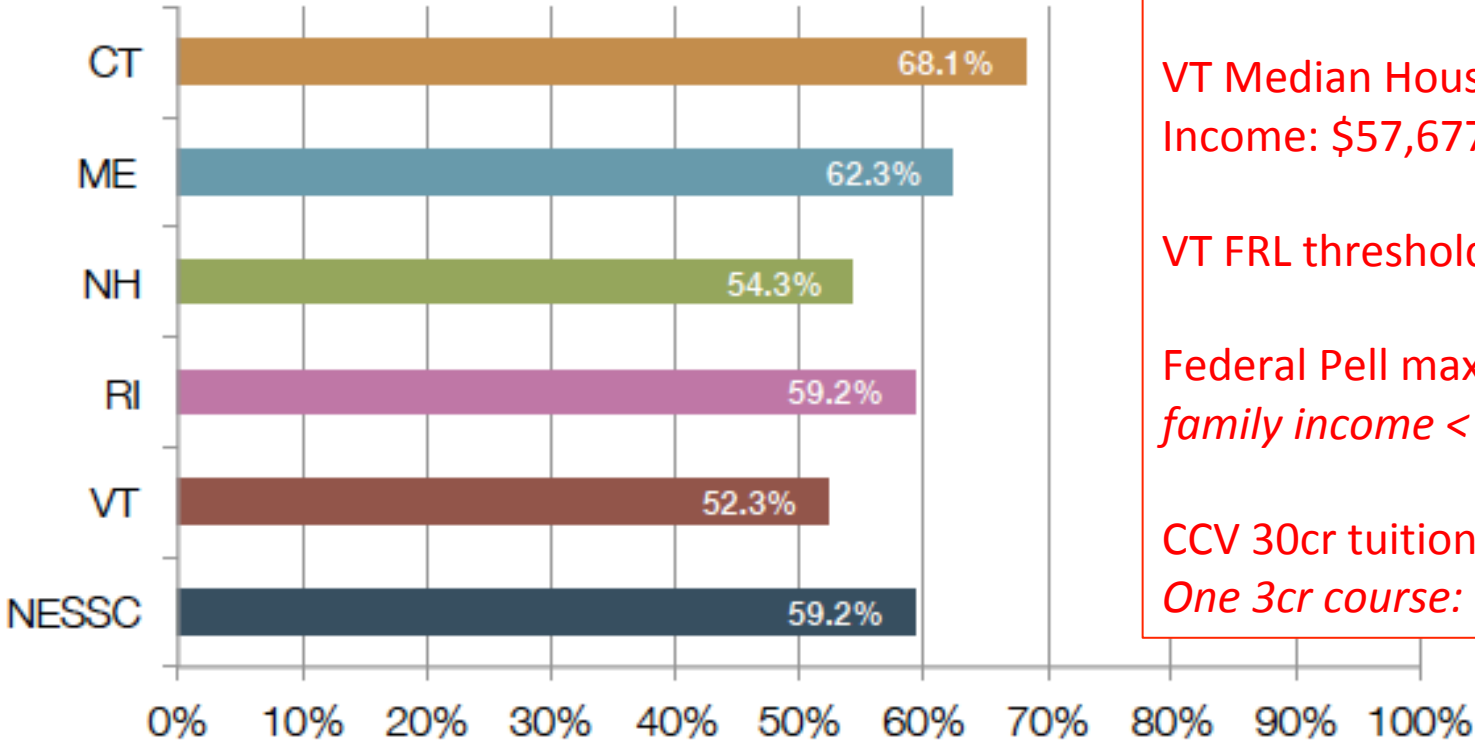
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Supporting Pathways to Postsecondary Education

Testimony, House Education Committee
January 23, 2018

Affordability impacts college-going for the majority of Vermont families

2016 College-Enrollment Rates



VT Median Household Income: \$57,677

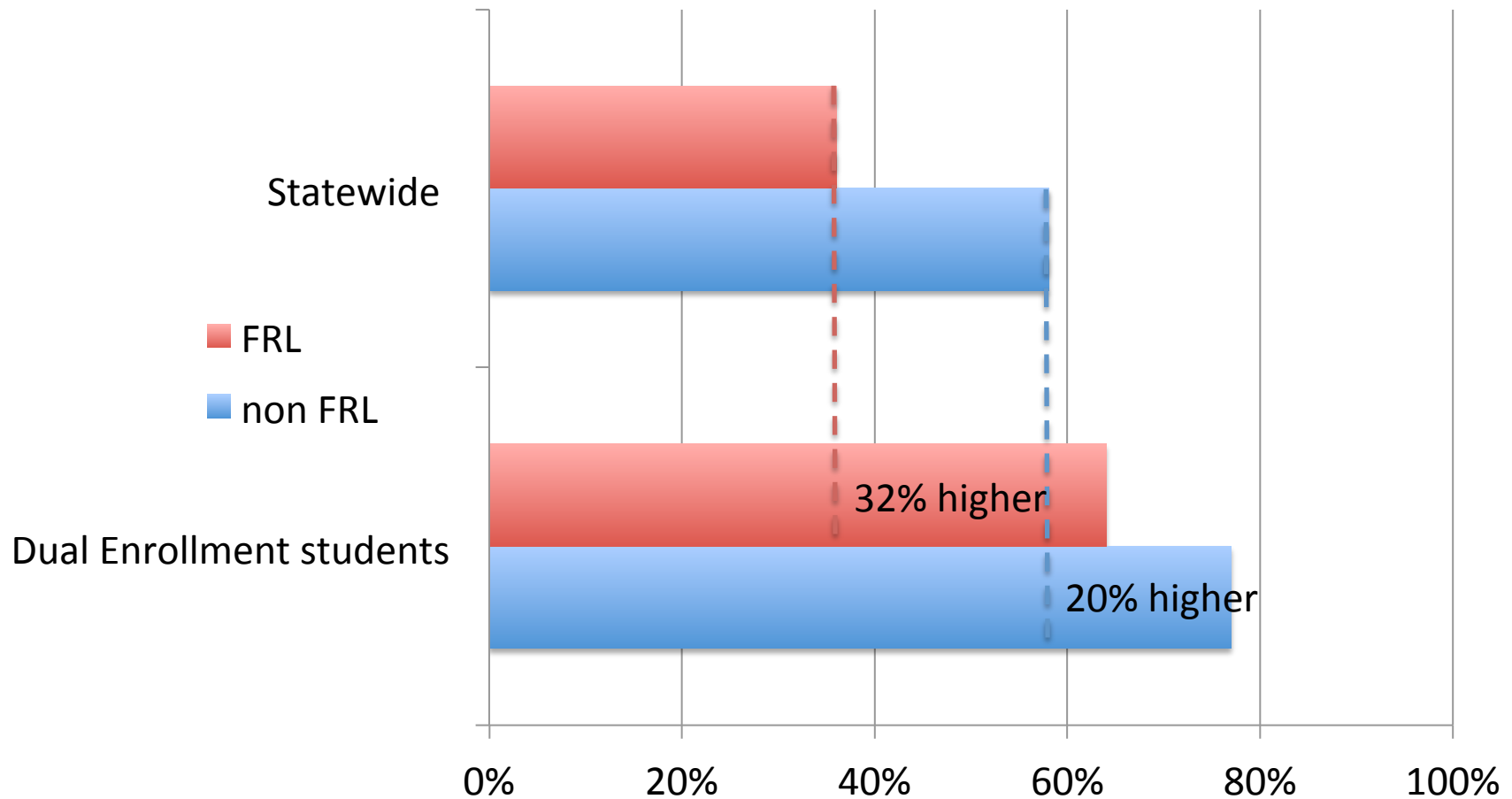
VT FRL threshold: \$45,510

Federal Pell max: \$5,920
family income < \$25,000

CCV 30cr tuition: \$7,905
One 3cr course: \$858

Source: <http://newenglandssc.org/resources/common-data-project/>
Vermont State Colleges System

Postsecondary Continuation

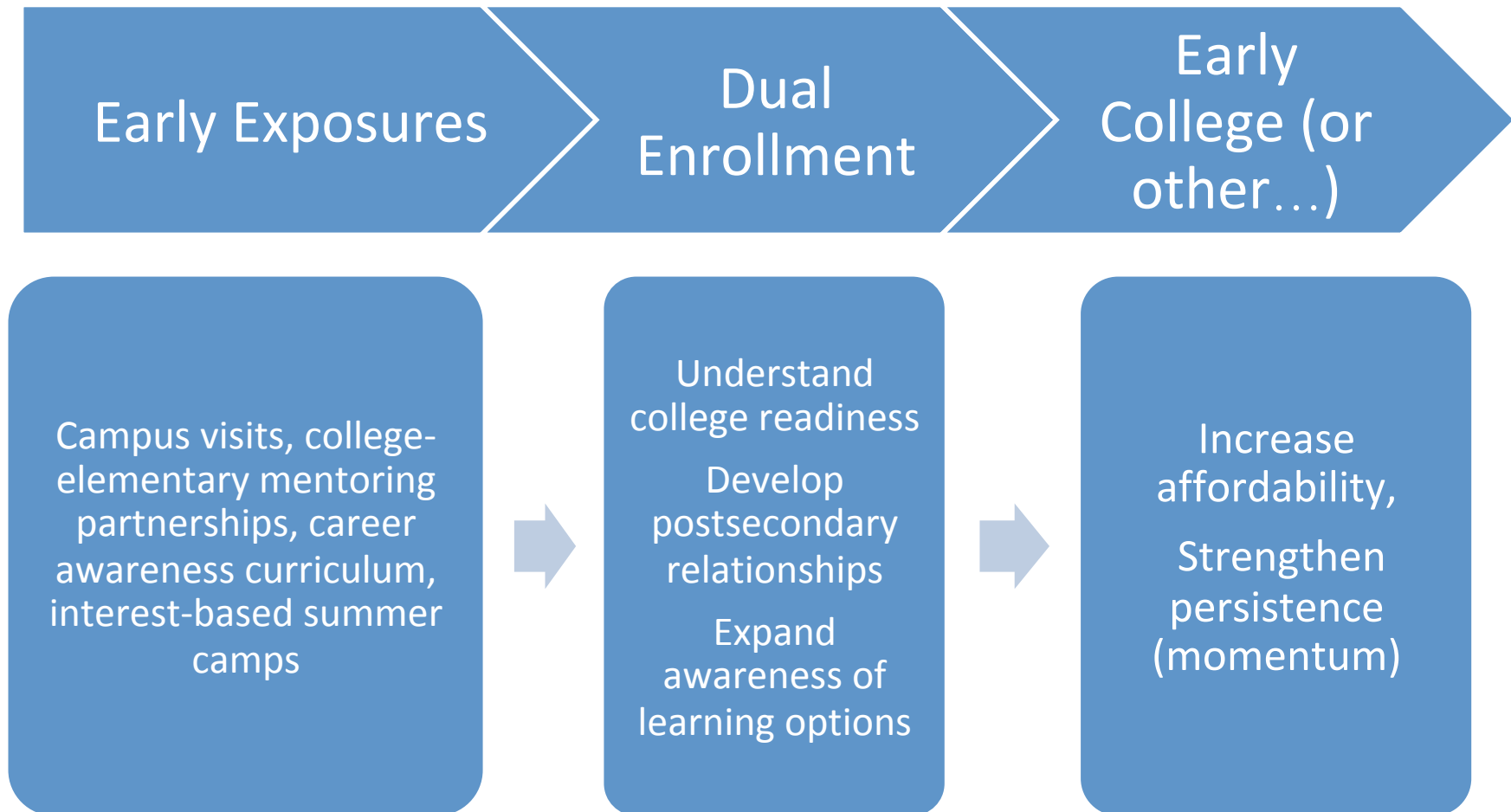


Source data: VT Agency of Education, January 2018 Report on Act 77 of 2013 and New England Secondary School Consortium Common Data Project, 2017

Dual Enrollment Pathways Experiences



Preparing for Postsecondary Learning



Vermont State Colleges System Focus

Exposures

- CCV: Middle School Access Days, Intro to College & Careers
- Vermont Tech: “Try a Major” Days
- Castleton, Johnson: elementary mentoring & visits

Dual Enrollment in 2016-2017

- CCV provided 81% of all dual enrollment to FRL students (502 of 622 vouchers)
- 476 CTE students took courses at CCV and Vermont Tech

Early College in the VSCS

- 243 students enrolled in Fall 2017
 - ~50% of EC students at CCV did dual enrollment first
 - 56 are VAST students
 - 47% are First-Generation
 - Increase from 171 students in Fall 2015
- 79% of 16-17 Early College/VAST students continued to college in Fall 2017
 - 36% (82) of these students were First-Generation
 - 57% (104) continued within the VSCS
- 15-16 Early College persistence within VSCS to third year is higher than non-EC peers.

Challenges to Address



Connecting student interests with academic plan (especially math progression)

Academic readiness

Logistics: text costs, transportation, scheduling

Affordability

Purposeful Outcome (employer and community value)

Partnerships are essential!

Readiness

- Linking Learning to Careers (federal research grant to Voc Rehab with CCV, for HS students on IEP's)
- 12th grade “bridge courses” with shared K-12 & VSCS measures of college readiness

Affordability

- FAFSA completion (VSAC)
- VSCS Direct Admissions (CCV to VSC 4-year pathways)
- Scholarship focus on low-income students

Purposeful Outcomes

- Industry-recognized credentials embedded in postsecondary CTE pathways