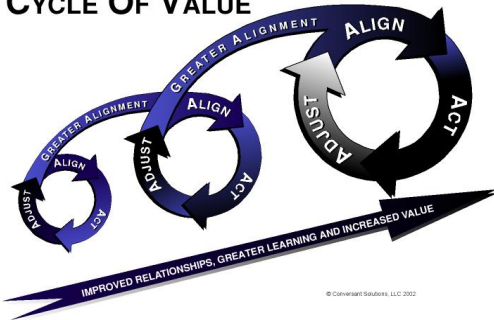


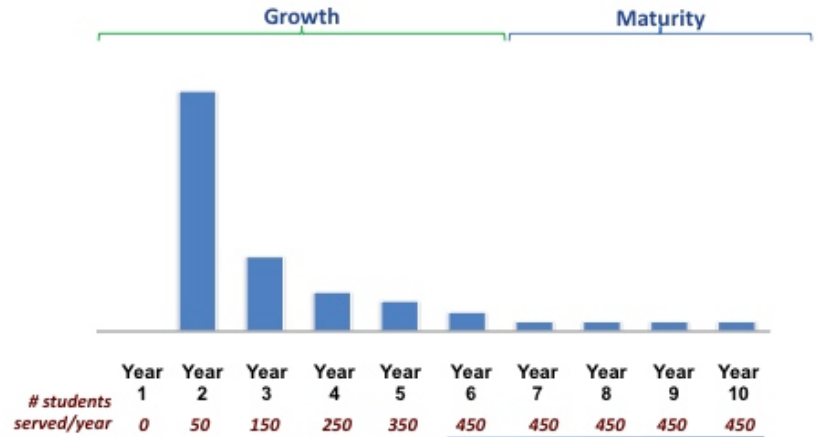


CYCLE OF VALUE



Sustainable Cost Structure

An ACE college's incremental program cost **per cohort** and cost **per student** drops significantly after the early years



Policy, Funding, and Training Benefits

Growth in Demand

Enrollment in community colleges is increasing at a fast pace, growing 17% in 2007-08

A large and growing number of students need effective programs to support their college experience

The ACE program was designed to be sustainable and cost efficient.

Increased Focus on Completion

- The President urges achieving the highest proportion of college graduates worldwide by 2020
- States are emphasizing credential attainment

ACE has the evidence to show that it positively affects student outcomes on the way to a credential

During early years, extra support for students, faculty and staff is embedded in ACE's curriculum, in peer-to-peer networks, and in existing resources.

Increased Focus on Funding Success

- Indiana, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Washington have tied public funding to success metrics and other states are considering doing so
- Philanthropic funders are setting ambitious goals

Investment in ACE allows colleges to respond effectively

As their faculty become certified ACE trainers, each college has the capacity to grow their own ACE program without additional incremental costs.

Increased Focus on Prof. Development

Recognition that the importance of Professional Development cannot be overstated

ACE offers evidence-based Prof Dev training designed for implementation in complex environments

The ACE program at steady-state operates at nearly the same cost as any other set of community college courses.

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