

# AIMS

AMERICAN INDIAN MEASURABLE SUCCESS INITIATIVE

## *The Need*

A significant number of Native American families call Southwest Colorado home. Research shows that numerous Native American students often graduate from high school unprepared for postsecondary or workforce life, which translates into a dramatic underrepresentation of Native Americans in postsecondary education and the workforce.

## *The Colorado Legacy Schools Partnership*

During the 2016-17 school year, the Colorado Legacy Schools (CLS) program was introduced to Southwest Colorado districts to transform their academic cultures. As a central part of AIMS, CLS will support Native American students in an initiative to dramatically increase the number of Native American students enrolling and succeeding in Advanced Placement math, science, and English courses.

## *Aiming to Succeed With a Strategic Partnership Plan*

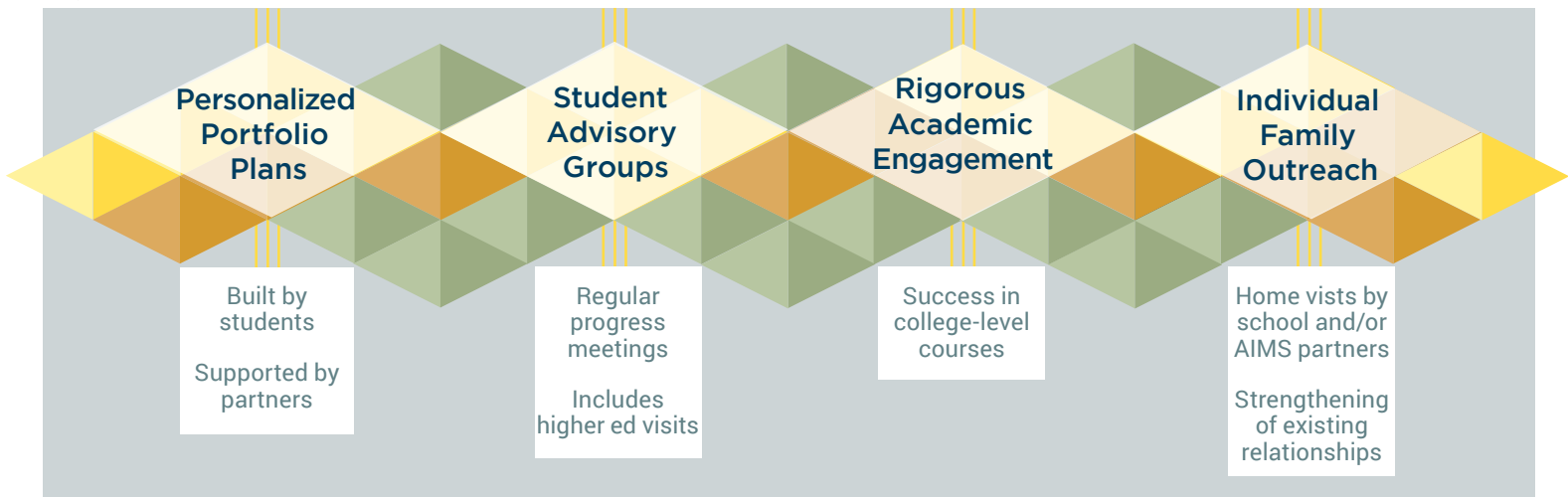
The AIMS Collective Impact Initiative brings together partners in education to assist tribal communities with development of postsecondary and workforce opportunities for Native American youth.

- AIMS supports students in Advanced Placement courses offered in high school or online, and concurrent enrollment courses from regional partners, Fort Lewis College and Southwest Colorado Community College.
- AIMS assists Native American students with development of personalized portfolio plans that include detailed academic, professional, and personal goals. Portfolios are student driven, with examples of student work and growth, and evidence of career pathway exploration and progress.
- AIMS leverages student advisory groups to create safe and supportive environments where mentors are available to track progress toward portfolio plans, provide feedback, and connect Native American students to peers, role models, relevant support programs, and leadership opportunities.
- AIMS engages tribal communities through individual family outreach, utilizing preexisting action team connections.

A partnership promoting *Native American Student Readiness*  
for Post-Secondary and Workforce Success



# Equitable College Attainment for Native American Students



## The Future

In 2016, the [Colorado Department of Higher Education](#) invested \$300,000 in the AIMS Initiative from September 2016-September 2018, contingent upon the successful acquisition of a \$100,000 match. Thus, every dollar donated will equate to four dollars of support for the AIMS Initiative. Together, we can ensure equitable college and workforce opportunities for Native American students and continue the collective impact strategies beyond 2018.

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The American Indian Measurable Success (AIMS) Initiative serves to dramatically increase college and workforce readiness and success for Native American students in Southwest Colorado.

