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Op-Ed: Tapping NYC's Community-Based Organizations to Boost College Success

There is a vital ally in the campaign to help more New Yorkers reach graduation day: the city's constellation of community-based organizations. But policymakers and education officials need to do more to ensure these organizations are integrated throughout the system.

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When it comes to supporting students on the path to a college degree, New York City needs all the help it can get. But the city's education system is not leveraging the full potential of its community-based organizations to help boost college completion.

In this *New York Nonprofit* op-ed, the Center for an Urban Future's policy director and Fisher fellow, Matt A.V. Chaban, and Senior Fellow for Economic Opportunity Tom Hilliard argue that these organizations need to be better integrated into the city's school systems, so that their powerful programs can reach the thousands of students who need them.

Read the op-ed here.

This op-ed is a continuation of the Center for an Urban Future's extensive research on higher education in New York, including the groundbreaking study *Degrees of Difficulty: Boosting College Success in New York City*.

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