Community Systems Foundation has provided support to Alma College to implement DFA Monitoring and support strategic planning processes.

Community Systems Foundation supported the administration at Alma College to roll-out Data For All (DFA) Monitoring, an open source software solution that is tracking progress on achievement of the Alma College Evergreen Strategic Plan.

A major challenge in planning processes at the college was a lack of systems to assist with the formulation and operationalization of strategic plans. To address this, CSF collaborated with key college stakeholders to strengthen the results matrix of the strategic plan, establish and define essential indicators - including metadata and data sources - and connect the college’s strategic plan with the interests of the city of Alma.

By putting in place a campus wide planning, monitoring, and reporting, the college administration will now be able to facilitate more efficient and collaborative participation in achieving the strategic plan.

The project was a pilot program, which provided CSF an opportunity to learn and support future higher education planning, monitoring, and reporting programs.

Features

- DFA Data Manager to store data and create indicators
- DFA Monitoring to support in building an online strategic framework to monitor and evaluate the data
- Evergreen Monitoring Dashboard promotes transparency, accountability, and collaboration among the Campus, Board of Trustees, and Administration.

Benefits

- Enables the college to efficiently store and manage data to make evidence-based decisions
- Data on student performance and activity is compiled and shown on a dashboard to aid in the monitoring and assessment of new programs

Facts

- Stakeholder: Alma College
- Area: Michigan, USA
- Time Period: 2020-2021
- Topics: Education, Monitoring, Data
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Budget

- USD: Pro-bono