

Tessa Carmen De Roy



Tessa Carmen De Roy leads the California College Guidance Initiative's (CCGI) efforts to smooth the path for California students by systematizing college and career planning within K-12 school districts while also providing educators across segments with the information they need to reduce equity gaps and facilitate student progress.

Dr. De Roy is responsible for organizational strategy, management, and financials. She oversees system-level partnerships that enable CCGI to share data across educational segments and to align with regional and statewide efforts to advance student success.

Prior to launching CCGI in 2013, Dr. De Roy spent a decade focused on issues related to college access and success for first-generation college-bound students in Los Angeles County. Through her involvement with the development of the IRS Data Retrieval Tool—which simplifies the financial aid process for millions of students and families by electronically pulling information from the prior year's taxes into the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)—she developed an interest in using data and technology to lower barriers for students all along their educational paths.

Dr. De Roy received her Educational Doctorate from the University of California, Los Angeles, where she focused on data-supported regional efforts to articulate high school and college coursework.