Enhancements to Program Finder.

While Program Finder is fully operational right now, the LAOCRC will be adding key user requested features to Program Finder in 2020. All regions adopting the Program Finder will automatically have these enhancements included in their use of the tool. These enhancements include:

1. **LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL:**

   Once onboarding of a new regions data has been successfully loaded, local administrative control will give the region the ability to update all data in Program Finder. Update access will include adding, deleting or editing high schools, ROPs and college location, TOP Code (4-digit) programs for the colleges and their URLs and Pathways for the high school, as well as contact information for K12 schools/district/ROPs. Administrators will be able to create a database or flat file to edit with authoring user interface, including users, permissions, an authentication system, full security and the ability to reset passwords.

2. **JOB TITLE SEARCH ENGINE**

   Program Finder users need an option to find college programs related to a specific profession, in addition to the current option of locating programs related to a given industry. For example, rather than select “transportation,” a student might want to search for “pilot.” This search capability allows users to enter familiar job-specific terms (SOC codes that crosswalk to TOP4 codes) and display colleges that offer programs related to those jobs.

3. **DISTANCE FILTER:**

   As Program Finder’s base of participating schools expands, users need to be able to filter the data shown relative to their location. For example, the Bay Area has 29 colleges and 200 high schools, which could be potentially overwhelming to users when viewing the map of that region. A distance filter will allow users to adjust the distance range of a search and thus limit or increase the amount of data displayed for multiple regions.

4. **USER SEARCH HISTORY:**

   This capability will create a printable list of websites visited in a single user session. It will make it much easier for students to share their research with their parents and counselors.

5. **HOVER-OVER DATA:**

   Program Finder users need access to a visual representation of U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data (for example, average salary and job growth) that could help them make a career decision.

EXAMPLE:
6. ACTIVITY REPORTING

District CTE directors, college deans, counselors and high school principals have asked for the ability to track additional information about how Program Finder is being used and the results generated.

7. DATA ANALYTICS:

Concentric Sky will modify Program Finder to enable leadership to perform deeper data analytics.

If you and your region are interested in implementing Program Finder for your colleges and K12 districts, please contact Steven Glyer; he will be happy to answer any questions you might have. Program Finder provides a quick and easy way for K12 and CC CTE students, counselors, and instructors to connect.

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