

Center for Advancing Opportunity, Thurgood Marshall College Fund

Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the Center for Advancing Opportunity (CAO) is a research and education initiative created by a partnership with the Thurgood Marshall College Fund, the Charles Koch Foundation, and Koch Industries. CAO supports faculty and students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and other postsecondary institutions to develop research-based solutions to the most challenging issues in education, criminal justice, and entrepreneurship. CAO's constituency is people living in fragile communities and they are members of all races, ethnicities and religions. The CAO has made a generous grant to fund an interdisciplinary research project at WVSU seeking to identify rehabilitation programs that are most effective in helping individuals in the criminal justice system to prepare for and successfully re-enter society after serving their sentence.