1154-N5-2689 Susan L Addington* (saddingt@csusb.edu), Math Dept., CSUSB, California State University, San Bernardino, San Bernardino, CA 92407, and Lamies Nazzal, MaDonna McCabe, Pilar Olid and Kelli Wasserman. Detecting and Filling Gaps in Preparation for College Mathematics. Preliminary report.

Contrary to accepted belief, gaps in college students' mathematical preparation are often in elementary topics: measurement, place value, and multiplicative thinking, in addition to higher-level mathematics. These topics are introduced in elementary school, but students need experience using these concepts at a college level: real applications, problems with "hard" numbers, including decimals and very large and small numbers; in short, number sense. This project is attempting to identify what number sense encompasses, and how it differs from proficiency in skills. A three-question pretest was given to 250 incoming freshmen in a 6-week Early Start program. The questions addressed measurement and units (How many square inches in a square foot?), a mental approximate multiplicative comparison with real-life numbers, and decimal percent (express 0.05% as a decimal without using a % sign.) The course included college-level material on functions and a support class that included conceptual instruction, with practice, on the topics mentioned above. Correct responses to the pretest were in the 20% range; on the posttest, in the 50% range. This presentation will analyze results and student work, and describe work on a current project to produce an online unit on these topics. (Received September 17, 2019)