Priority Model

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WHAT IS GEAR UP?

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs – serves over 560,000 students enrolled in over 3,525 secondary schools across 45 states.

Structure: $21 Million Seven-Year Grant managed by the University System of Georgia on behalf of the Governor’s Office through 2023.

Mission: To increase the number of students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education programs and careers.
WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED OUTCOMES?

OUR OBJECTIVE

- Increase targeted Cohort and Priority Students academic performance and preparation for postsecondary education
- Increase percentage of targeted Cohort and Priority Students who graduate from high school and enroll in a post-secondary institution
- Increase student and family knowledge of post-secondary education options, preparation, financing and careers
- Increase targeted Cohort and Priority student persistence rates for year one of post-secondary education
PARTNERS

SCHOOL SYSTEMS
• Floyd County
• Polk County
• Cobb County
• DeKalb County
• Clayton County
• Fulton County
• Macon-Bibb County
• Muscogee County
• Savannah-Chatham County
• Thomas County
• Grady County

AGENCIES & ORGS

USG INSTITUTIONS

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SERVICES

- College Visits
- Tutoring
- Mentoring
- Scholarship Branding & Support
- Financial Aid/Literacy Assistance
- College Application & FAFSA Completion Support
- Dual Enrollment Assistance
- Student & Parent Workshops
- First Year College Support
- ACT/SAT Test Prep
- Summer Camps
- Leadership Opportunities
- Career Aptitude Assessment, Exploration & Awareness
- Growth Mindset & STEM Teacher Professional Development
OUTCOMES

10,560 STUDENTS SERVED

91% of GEAR UP Georgia student EXPECT to attend a postsecondary institution

TOP 5 SERVICES

1. Career Exploration Activities
2. Leadership Development
3. College Visits
4. College Admissions Activities
5. Financial Aid/Scholarship Activities

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PARTICIPATION

GEAR UP Georgia

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
HOW DOES IT WORK?

First Model - COHORT
This model will follow 7th and 8th grade students through middle and high school on through their first year of college (Cohort Students).

Second Model - PRIORITY
The second model will use a “Priority Strategy” that will target students who have experienced homelessness or have been in the foster care system. Students in this strategy, in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades, will be identified and recruited across six Georgia counties in partnership with the Orange Duffel Bag Initiative.
Students are recruited and enrolled in the Orange Duffel Bag Initiative Coaching program.

GEAR UP provides wrap around services and support college and career success through their first year of college.
Total Priority Students Served as of 2018-2019 School Year: 402
Goal Number Reached By End of Grant (2023): 1,000
## SERVICE AREA

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PARTNERS

Kennesaw State University
- Priority Model Oversight
- Summer Camp
- Student Events

Georgia Student Finance Commission
- Increased FASFA Completion
- College Application Completion
- HOPE Program Advisement

Orange Duffel Bag Initiative
- 12-Session Coaching & Mentoring Program
- Create a Life and Education Plan
- Earn a Laptop

Student Success Agency
- Virtual Peer-Mentoring
- Academic Progress, Study Skills & Support
- Career Development & Professional Connections

Technical College System of Georgia
- ACCUPLACER Testing
- Dual Enrollment
- Career Awareness

Scholarship Academy
- Comprehensive Scholarship Application Support
- Financial Aid Packages & Debt Reduction Assistance
- Virtual Scholarship Center
SERVICES

Academic Support
  Tutoring
  ACT/SAT Prep
School Supplies
  Dual Enrollment
Accountability Partners

Mentoring
  ODBI
  Student Success Agency
  Local Mentoring

College & Career Exploration
  College Applications
  College Awareness, Exploration, Match & Fit
  College Visits
  Career Exploration
  Summer Camp

Financial Awareness
  Financial Aid Info
  FAFSA Completion
  Financial Literacy
  Scholarship Awareness & Assistance
  ETV Navigation
NATIONAL GEAR UP WEEK

GEAR UP Week Video
September 23-27, 2019
Celebrating 20 Years

National GEAR UP Week

CELEBRATING OUR EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
STATEWIDE PARTNERS CONFERENCE

October 15-16, 2019
Marriott Savannah Riverfront
Savannah, GA
Statewide Partners Conference Survey Results

How well do you believe the Conference met its above stated Goals as a whole?

- Somewhat met stated Goals: 7%
- Adequately met stated Goals: 14%
- 36% met stated Goals
- 43% exceeded stated Goals
OCTOBER STATE PARTNER’S CONFERENCE
October 15-16, 2019
Savannah, GA

Participants:

✓ District Partners
✓ State Agency Partners
✓ Community Partners
✓ One Parent Ambassador per District
✓ Local Coordinating Council Members
✓ Higher Education Institution Partners
✓ School Coordinators
✓ Program Coordinators
✓ USG Grant Management Staff
STUDENT & PARENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
March 6-8, 2020

University of Georgia Hotel and Conference Center
Athens, GA
Student & Parent Leadership Summit

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Coordinator Toolkit Available November 15
Applications open December 1
Program Coordinator Notifies
Two “NEW” Priority students and their parent/guardian per district
Admissions Processes & Deadlines

- **November 15**: Coordinator Toolkit Available
- **December 1**: Applications Open
- **January 10**: Enrollment Registration Closes
- **January 15**: Signed Enrollment Confirmation Pages Due
- **February 3**: Family Guidebooks Mailing
- **February 3-7**: Family Check-ins Due
- **February 17**: Transportation Plan (Travel Itinerary) Due
SUMMIT SNAPSHOTS

SEEDS TRAINING VIDEO

http://seedstraining.com/georgia319/
Student Summit Survey Results

How satisfied were you with the GEAR UP Georgia Leadership Summit?

- Satisfied: 92%
- Very Satisfied: 8%

If given the opportunity, would you participate in more GEAR UP events like the Leadership Summit?

- Yes: 100%
PARENT SUMMIT FEEDBACK

GEAR UP Georgia State Conference 2019
Parent Leadership Institute

1. I am able to clearly define college readiness.
2. I know the four keys to college readiness.
3. I know at least two patterns of thinking that would help my student become more college ready.
4. I am familiar with the systems of assessments that will help my student become more college ready.
5. I understand the difference between a fixed and growth mindset.
6. I am familiar with specific words that encourage effort in my student.
7. I can name at least one key learning skill and technique that will help my student become more college ready.
8. I know how to search for college retention and completion rates for the colleges my student would like to attend.
9. I feel confident doing my part to prepare my student for college.
PRIORITY MODEL PROPOSED

OUTCOMES

– College Success for GEAR UP Priority Students

– Sharing and Sustainability of Best Practices and Resources for all Foster & Homeless students
QUESTIONS

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