



Bi-Weekly Bulletin

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Introducing New Graham County Coordinator

Graham County Schools is pleased to welcome Dr. Teresa Garland to the GEAR UP Coordinator position. She joins us in that role starting July 3, 2017 with many years of grant-writing and program administration experience.

WELCOME, TERESA! WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE YOU ON BOARD!

Comprehensive Mentoring Service Definition

District GEAR UP Coordinators received an email recently drawing their attention to the definition of Comprehensive Mentoring, a required service in the GEAR UP grant. We want to make sure that all district partners are providing this required service and that by doing so, they are staying within the rationally accepted definition for GEAR UP programs.

At least one of these types of mentoring programs needs to be included in all district work plans. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to your ASU Coordinator.

- 1. Traditional mentoring programs that match one youth and one adult.
2. Group mentoring that links one adult with a small group of young people (1 to 4 ratio).
3. Team mentoring that involves several adults working with small groups of young people, ideally with a ratio of no more than four youth to one adult.
4. Peer mentoring that connects caring youth with other adolescents.
5. E-mentoring that functions via email and the internet.

What comprehensive mentoring is not:

- 1. A one-time event that involves interaction between an adult and youth (such as a college campus visit where students attend a college student panel session).
2. Regular tutoring where academics are the goal/purpose. That would be classified as a Tutoring/Homework Assistance service type.

Student Success Agency Evaluation Report

The pilot program with the Student Success Agency (SSA) is complete and we are excited to share the following report produced by our external evaluation team. The report provides a comprehensive overview of what indicators were impacted by the SSA service (and what indicators were not).

SSA is a service that AppState GEAR UP pays for in any district that is interested in providing it, and the program achieves the service requirement of Comprehensive Mentoring in the grant. Please consider sharing this report with your county leadership teams and UCAN committees to help determine if this is a service your district would like to provide (at no cost to your schools).

As you are reviewing the report, please don't hesitate to reach out to Corinne with any questions (corinne@apstate.edu).

SSA Evaluation Report

Tell Us How Summer Camps Are Going!

The summer is an exciting and busy time for GEAR UP...and we can't wait to hear about all of the impactful experiences your students have encountered this summer. To help us better capture what this experience is like in the life of a GEAR UP student, we would love if everyone could share any great photos, videos, student quotes, teacher testimonials, or stories about their GEAR UP summer camps. Please send all items to Elyse (elyse@apstate.edu) by August 30, 2017.

Second Draft Work Plans Due

We are in the home stretch! One week left and your final GY04 work plans are due back to ASU by July 12, 2017. When you submit your final work plans, please submit to your ASU Coordinator, Andrea Martinez, and Betha Gardner. Any last-minute questions? Don't hesitate to reach out. We are happy to help!

Thanks in advance for all of your hard work and dedication to this process! We can't wait to show you all of the incredible initiatives planned for the 2017-2018 academic year, when we share all work plans on Basiscamp in August.

Have Suggestions?

We love to hear your ideas! Do you have suggestions that will help us improve? At any time, please provide your feedback by clicking the suggestion box. Thanks for taking the time to help us continuously grow and improve.

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