

Empowering Underrepresented Students through Parental Engagement

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StepUP READY Grant

▶ SPONSOR:

This project was paid for by a StepUP READY Grant, provided by the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE).

▶ GOAL:

To create opportunities for public education and higher education to work together to effect meaningful change in the college readiness of Utah's students.





Partner Districts

Cache

Box Elder

Salt Lake City

Jordan



The Grant Pays For

- ▶ USU's CCR training using SREB's College and Career Counseling Initiative (CCCI) curriculum with Utah customization
- ▶ PSY 6810: CCR for Professional Educators
 - ▶ 3 CR, online
 - ▶ Asynchronous
 - ▶ Can be used for a lane change
 - ▶ Fills requirement for HB 198 sponsored College and Career Readiness Certificate



The Grant Pays For

- ▶ Implementation of Action Plans designed in PSY 6810, including:
 - ▶ Additional Stipend
 - ▶ Note: Extra compensation paid to school counselors who develop action plans to assist underrepresented students
 - ▶ Materials, supplies



Action Plans

We encourage school counselors to submit Action Plans focused on meeting one or more of the following goals, which align with the CCGP

Accountability and Data Project Report:
Making positive transitions, helping students overcome barriers, creating a college-going culture, and academic engagement.



Focus on Underrepresented Students

- ▶ First-generation, low income, racial or ethnic minorities, women in STEM, other



Metrics

- ▶ ACT
- ▶ FAFSA completion
- ▶ College application submission
- ▶ College enrollment



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▶ Presenters

- ▶ Susan Maughan, Counselor, Cache County School District
- ▶ Susanna Amezcua, Counselor, Salt Lake City School District
- ▶ Annette Whitaker, Counselor, Box Elder School District
- ▶ Nancy Karpowitz, Jordan School District



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