

**Federal and State Programs
Quarterly Reports
2008-2009**

Name Of Program: Project Turn*Around Mentoring

Dates: 6/2009

Program Manager: Chanda McGhee

Amount of Award: \$35,000.00

Program Description:

The purpose of the Project Turn*Around (outreach ministry of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Church) mentor program is to connect positive adults with students and their families in CHISD. The goal is to assist students by establishing positive relationships and teaching them to make the right choices by changing the ways they think, providing opportunities for positive change, and giving them hope for a positive future. District money was matched with OCBF money to cover program expenses for district, including mentor coordinator placed in CHISD.

Performance Goal:

1. Increase school attendance
2. Decrease gang participation and violence
3. Provide consistent positive adult relationships for students
4. Educate students on sexual abstinence

Performance Objectives:

1. Decrease average number of days truant among students by 25%
2. Reduce number of gang related discipline offenses by 30%
3. Increase number of students with consistent mentors by 50%
4. Increase number of students favoring sexual abstinence on student survey by 25%

Formative Evaluation:

1. For the 2008-2009 school year, students who received mentors demonstrated an average of 17 class period absences and tardies. Students who were referred for mentors but did not receive them showed an average of 39 class period absences and tardies for the 2008-2009 school year. When compared, the students with mentors had 56% fewer absences (on average) than similar students who did not have mentors. Some of the reasons students were referred for mentors and did not receive them included difficulty retrieving parent permission, difficulty scheduling an available mentor's time with student's schedule, student assigned to DAEP (and mentor not able to change schedule to accommodate student's new schedule), and need for more mentors).
2. There were 10 gang-related offenses for 2007-2008 school-year. For the 2008-2009 school year, there were no discipline referrals for gang related offenses.
3. There were approximately 50 students in CHISD with a consistent adult mentor for the 2007-2008 school year. For the 2008-2009 school year, 110 students had consistent adult mentors through PTA.
4. Students at Cedar Hill High School were present the Choosing the Best (Abstinence Only) curriculum through their health classes. Prior to the curriculum they were given a pre-test asking their beliefs about sexual intercourse, sexually transmitted diseases, and relationships. On the pretest, 19.4% of the 300 students self-reported that "I plan to wait till marriage before having sexual intercourse." On the posttest (following the curriculum), 38% of the students responded "I plan to wait till marriage before having sexual intercourse." Other responses include:
 - A. "Do you think that sexual activity is the only certain way to avoid out-of wedlock pregnancy and STDs?" (pretest – 26.8% strongly agreed, post test 56.5% strongly agreed)
 - B. Do you think that abstinence from sexual activity will give you more options for the future, help you reach personal goals and experience healthier relationships?" (pretest-30.9% strongly agreed, posttest-50% strongly agreed)

Improvement Strategies:

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Plan of Action/Strategic	Student Group	Number of Students	Assessment Tool	Amount Spent	Summary of Results
Identify students in need and match with adult mentor for weekly meetings	K-12	110	# of students with consistent weekly meetings	\$35,000	77 students meeting with mentors weekly (2-3 weeks to date)

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Students meet weekly with mentors and discuss choices regarding attendance in school	K-12	110	Student attendance data	\$0	Student data to be obtained following more time with mentors
Students meet weekly with mentors and discuss choices regarding violence/gang participation	K-12	110	PEIMS data on gang-related discipline offenses	\$0	Student data to be obtained following more time with mentors
Students meet weekly with mentors and discuss choices regarding sexual abstinence	K-12	110	Student surveys	\$0	Student data to be obtained following more time with mentors