

Monthly Report September 2019

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Collaborating with Stone Child College Mentoring Program. Contact Person Mary Top Sky representing Stone Child College mentoring/mentee program. We have worked together in meeting with students about higher education. She's a great collaborator.

I've attended all staff meetings as well at Teacher trainings for PIR days. I really enjoyed Dustin Whitfords' presentation on the Chippewa Cree Tribal Customs and traditions. it was well presented in a respectful manner. I appreciated him and his information. Second favorite was Mr. Juneau who works on the Wind River Reservation regarding Restorative Education or something to that effect.

Created GEAR UP Bulletin Board-posted visuals of College information

Noon meetings: Sept 16 -Sophomores
 Sept 19 Seniors
 Sept. 17-Freshman
 Sept. 18-8th graders
 Sept. 19-7th graders
 Sept. 4 -Juniors

Created and organized time and locations for the opportunity to meet with the entire school body of 7-12 grades. I was successfully present at all meetings as well as the school Counselor who helps out immensely. Very little students attended during our lunch period meeting. This time was selected due to non-interference during classroom instruction. Each session we had a questionnaire asking student knowledge of GEAR UP and providing the students with information regarding college prep while in high school. The plan is to meet with the students once a month regarding mini mini-workshops regarding college and prep. Only issue was no food, rarely no students. We were able to provide a couple lunches to students and we had good turnouts versus no lunch offer. One way to solve this issue is to request sack lunches for the grades we are meeting with.

Got the testing schedules and dates, posted them on our bulletin board for students to see.

Ordered Student for Success packages, that was quite the chore, but got it done, now to deliver them to Missoula and 1 to SKC. That request will be forthcoming.

Lockdown on 9/26/2019.

GEAR UP Site visit on 9/9/2019. Mr. Anderson and Ms. Wilson from Helena came to visit. They were impressed by our beautiful area. Ms. Wilson went over the GEARS data base information with me as well. Talked of Match & Service entries.

Dual Enrollment students: Track them and enter into gears.

Scholarships: We have been pushing for scholarships we had 3 sign up for Bill Gates, it seems 1 made he got the invitation to make the second round and I'm glad he has a lot of family support. Liaison is always

looking for scholarship opportunities for students, contacted TRIO, MESA-with Trio, AICF, Higher ed at SCC

Need to identify students who need extra help.

Identifying the potential local GEAR UP team members.

Looking at options for summer camps for students

SCC looking to SCC for collaboration in regards to dates of College and career fairs -April is the next one, Tribal Colleges will be included.

Class of 2019-got the list of students and if they are attending college or not. Identified 4 University of MT. 1 SKC, 6 at SCC, 1 Haskell.

College Application week Sept 30, 2019 to Oct. 4. 2019. Scheduled FAFSA night for seniors and parents for FAFSA opening on Oct. 1. Created flyers and posted them and verbally let the seniors know of this night. Gathered materials for Parent/student packets regarding scholarships and FAFSA.

WEBEX for GEAR -How to insert student data into Gears.

Tutoring-We need them

GEAR UP meeting planned for Sept. 30, 2019 had to be rescheduled.

Meeting with Mrs. Han about trips, advance and the 7 step process for travel requests and advances.

Busy trying to get the students to broaden their horizons through education workshops that come in through the emails or posters. We have an aviation workshop for students taking place in October we had 5 sign up and was accepted in. Location is in Havre called ACES high. I'm excited for these students.

Campus Visits-0. Working on October campus visit. Scheduled SCC for beginning of College Application week, plans fell through.

Training: Helena September Fall GEAR UP meeting on September 23 and 24. It was great, met other liaisons and entire staff of GEAR up and their expectations of liaisons.

Data Entry training 10-12 p.m via WEBEX with GEAR UP

Thank you for your time.