

Funding

Funds	Amount	Percentage of total project funds
Federal	\$12,487,020	48%
Matching	\$13,629,572	52%

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Gaining

Early

Awareness and

Readiness for

Undergraduate

Programs

GEAR UP ...for life!

Purpose of Grant

The Pennsylvania State Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) Project is funded through a US Department of Education discretionary grant designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

The Pennsylvania Academy for the Profession of Teaching and Learning/State System of Higher Education received the five year grant in



Harrisburg GEAR UP students on campus at Shippensburg University of PA

2002 to provide supportive services and programs to Harrisburg and Philadelphia school district students beginning with cohorts of seventh grade students in 2002, and adding new cohorts of seventh grade students during each year of the federal GEAR UP grant.

Goal

The goal of the PA State GEAR UP Project is to increase significantly the number and percentage of disadvantaged middle school and secondary school students in the Philadelphia and Harrisburg school districts who are prepared for, pursue, and succeed in postsecondary education.

Projected Outcomes

- ◇ Improved student performance in the Harrisburg School District and the School District of Philadelphia
- ◇ Increased educational expectations for participating students and increased student and family knowledge of postsecondary education options, preparation and financing
- ◇ Increased graduation rate of Harrisburg School District and the School District of Philadelphia students
- ◇ Increased number of students who pursue and succeed in postsecondary education
- ◇ Scholarships awarded to eligible students in the Harrisburg School District and the School District of Philadelphia
- ◇ Increased numbers of teachers in urban schools

Partners

- ◇ Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education
- ◇ PA Academy for the Profession of Teaching and Learning
- ◇ Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA)
- ◇ Harrisburg School District and the School District of Philadelphia
- ◇ State System universities: Cheyney, East Stroudsburg, Kutztown, Shippensburg and West Chester

Implementation

Early Intervention Services to include the following:

- ◇ Student needs assessment
- ◇ Educational action plans
- ◇ Academic monitoring and evaluation
- ◇ Career exploration
- ◇ Campus visits
- ◇ Tutoring and study skills enhancement
- ◇ Mentoring

Professional development for district educators:

- ◇ University courses and workshops
- ◇ In-service programs
- ◇ Governor's Academy for Urban Education
- ◇ Online courses

Pre-service teacher education programs will include the following:

- ◇ Urban field experiences
- ◇ Opportunities for mentoring and tutoring Harrisburg and Philadelphia students

Scholarships

- ◇ Last dollar scholarships to eligible students
- ◇ Board of Governors' Scholarships