



PATHWAYS TO STUDENT SUCCESS

March Workshops
Tacoma & Wenatchee



Washington State GEAR UP

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School Partners

Washington State GEAR UP provides funding and support to 28 high poverty school districts in every geographical region of the state.



Welcome Priority Schools

Serving grades 7-12

Shelton (Choice HS)

Naselle HS

Neah Bay

White Pass

Willapa Valley

Wilson Creek





Welcome Cohort Schools

Serving the Class of 2017

Aberdeen

Blaine

Bremerton

Everett

Federal Way

Ilwaco

Shelton

Raymond

South Bend

Vancouver

Wahkiakum



Change is a Constant

- Changes at WSAC
 - ▣ New Division: College Access & Support
- New GEAR UP School Staff
 - ▣ Wendy Alcala & Sara Cameron, Everett
 - ▣ Sandy Grahnert, Vancouver
 - ▣ Cesar Hernandez, Toppenish
 - ▣ If you are new and not on the list – please let us know!
- Goodbye to Cassandra, Ann, Erin, and Ann Marie
- New GEAR UP Babies – Class of 2032!
 - ▣ Congrats to Rosalie & Kerry!

Match Champions

- Neah Bay, 190%
- Raymond, 133%
- South Bend, 116%
- Kettle Falls, 114%
- Aberdeen, 111%
- Klickitat, 107%

- Shout out from schools.

Pathways to Student Success

GEAR UP's vision is that all students are academically, socially, and financially prepared to enter and complete the postsecondary program or institution of their choice.



SUCCESS



**WHAT PEOPLE THINK
IT LOOKS LIKE**

SUCCESS



**WHAT IT REALLY
LOOKS LIKE**

Workshop Objectives

- Improve your ability to relate and communicate with students
- Identify how your GEAR UP program can support students at-risk of disengagement/dropping out
- Identify strategies and interventions to best support GEAR UP students' progress
- Articulate how your GEAR UP program best fits with other efforts and resources to support students

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access, excellence, and community



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*Engaging in
Conversations of
Difference*



Partner Resource Opportunities

Washington State Employees Credit Union

Karen Childs, Community Relations Coordinator



College Success Foundation

Tami Breckenridge, Program Officer



Step-by-Step: High School Graduation & Postsecondary Readiness for all Students

Jeanne Willard, Alicia Naig & Stacey Cole
Everett Public Schools



School Team Planning

Discussion Questions

- 1) Research shows that students who drop out often feel that no adults at school care about them. How connected are your students to an adult in their building?
- 2) How are your GEAR UP students progressing on their path to graduation? How are they progressing on their path to college-readiness?
- 3) How is your GEAR UP program supporting students that are progressing at different levels?
- 4) How does your GEAR UP program support students that are at-risk of disengagement/dropping out? What are your successes/challenges?
- 5) How does your GEAR UP program fit with other supports for students in your school? Where do efforts overlap? Where could there be better coordination?

Resources

Resources for Successful College and Career Readiness

Barbara Dittrich, Advanced Placement/AVID
Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction



- Amends State Need Grant eligibility.
- Includes in-state tuition classification (referred to as “1079” students) for SNG residency purposes.

Please help us get the information out to eligible students and their families.

- State Need Grant requires in-state residency.

- The residency eligibility permitted by SB 6523 includes non-citizens and Deferred Action for Child Arrivals (DACA) who:
 - Have graduated from a Washington high school or obtained a GED®;
 - Have lived in Washington for three years prior to earning the high school diploma or equivalent and continuously since; and
 - Sign an affidavit (written promise) to file an application to become a permanent resident of the United States when eligible to apply.

How will students apply?

- Online application available by April - WASFA.
 - Washington Application for State Financial Aid
- This state application replaces the FAFSA.
 - These students are not eligible to apply for financial aid on the FAFSA.
- Apply as soon as it is available.
- Required information
 - Parent income and asset information, if dependent student
 - Student income and asset information
 - School(s) you are considering



For information:
readyssetgrad.org/wasfa

READY
SET
GRAD

The Real Hope Act ([SB 6523](#)) has recently passed the 2014 Washington State Legislature. Once signed into law, this act will expand eligibility for the Washington State Need Grant to non-citizens who meet the [program's eligibility requirements](#).

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The [Washington Student Achievement Council](#) is developing a state application for students who are unable to complete a FAFSA due to immigration status. This new state financial aid application is anticipated by April. Please check this page for frequent updates.

Many colleges also require completion of an institutional financial aid application. Please contact your financial aid office for more information on financial aid deadlines and required



Practitioner Perspectives

Connecting with GEAR UP Students

Maureen Black, Choice Alternative School (Shelton)

Collaboration: Integrating GEAR UP into the School Day

Amy Nelson, South Bend

Laurie Hatfield, Raymond

Reminders

- ❑ Next plan/budget revision is due March 31.
- ❑ See recent email for details about when this is required.
- ❑ Forms available at <http://www.gearup.wa.gov/file/year-3-coordinator-manual-section-iii-expenditures-reimbursement-procedures>

Annual Performance Report

- ❑ Dept. of Ed Annual Performance Report is Due April 15.
- ❑ Portal entry and accuracy is CRITICAL.
- ❑ Please be responsive to Kelly Keeney as she is working through portal issues.
- ❑ Portal will close March 31 for all activity from August 1 through March 31, no changes will be made.

Documentation Requirements

- ❑ Documentation Reminder
 - ❑ Sign in sheets, agendas, supporting materials, and portal entry are required for:
 - ❑ All direct services provided by GEAR UP staff.
 - ❑ All services sponsored, facilitated, or organized by GEAR UP staff.
 - ❑ All services that are part of your annual plan.
 - ❑ This is a federal requirement, and could be part of an audit of our program. There are no exceptions to this rule.
- ❑ Your plan/budget is part of your school district's contractual agreement with WSAC. If you change the plan/budget, you must have permission to do so and this must be documented.

Survey says...

- Dept. of Ed GEAR UP Student and Parent Survey window is now open.
- GEAR UP students and families only.
- See recent email for details.
- Due to RGI the first week of May.
- Kelly Keeney has return envelopes for you - pick up today.

Survey says...

- ACT Supplemental Research Student Survey – Tutoring & Mentoring
- Electronic survey link will be sent out this week.
- Window is open until June.
- GEAR UP students only.
- If they don't receive services, they won't get the questions.

Year 4 Planning Meetings

- **ALL Priority Schools:** May 1 & 2, Wenatchee
- **Westside Cohort Schools:** May 15-16, Olympia
- **Eastside Cohort Schools:** May 29-30, Spokane
- Data, planning time, training.
- **School Teams required to attend – GU Staff and Administrator, others always welcome!**



Summer Opportunities

June 23-26: **Teacher Summer Institute**, UW EDI, Seattle

The Era of Rising Standards: Improving College Readiness for the 21st Century

June 23-26: **FOCUS College Matters Summer Camp** for rising 10th-12th grade students, CWU, Ellensburg

July 7-10: **FOCUS College Matters Summer Camp** for rising 10th-12th grade students, EWU, Cheney

August 4-7: **GEAR UP For Excellence Student Leadership Camp (GUFESL)** UW, Seattle

August 13-14: **Year 4 Kickoff**, Wenatchee (Coordinators & Grad Specialists required)

Summer Opportunities

■ Expectations:

- All GEAR UP schools are expected to offer at least one GEAR UP sponsored camp opportunity to their students.
- Space is limited –
 - FOCUS College Matters Camps are limited to 100 students.
 - GUFU Student Leadership Camp is limited to 50 students.
- Camps will be offered in 2015, 2016, 2017 as well.
- Staffing –
 - If you don't have GEAR UP staff available you are asked to recruit another school staff member to chaperone.
 - We need a school nurse!
 - \$500 stipend available if you aren't already being paid by another source (or you can volunteer your time as match. 😊)

Summer Opportunities

■ Application Process

■ FOCUS College Matters Camps

- WSAC Application Packet.
- Anna Batie is main contact.
- Applications must be received by April 23.
 - Plan now for your selection on 4/21 & 4/22
- Selection notification in Early May.

■ GUFU Student Leadership Camp

- UW EDI Application Packet.
- Roseann London is main contact.
- Applications must be received by April 23.
- Selection notification in early May.



Questions?

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Please remember – we appreciate your calls and emails. Our job is to help you successfully implement your GEAR UP program. Please, never hesitate to ask us for assistance!

Our contact information can be found at:

<http://www.gearup.wa.gov/about/staff>

Research to Inform Practice

How Do We Keep our Students in School? Listening to and Learning from Disconnected Youth

Barbara Waxman and Deborah Feldman
Paragon Education Network

Pathways to Dropping Out Part Four: Study Implications



Image courtesy of Saja Prudkov / Dreamstime.com

 Washington Student Oral Histories Project

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Antony Smith, PhD
University of Washington Bothell

Barbara Waxman, PhD
Paragon Education Network

School Team Planning

- Call to Action
- Complete the Pathways to Student Success Grid and Action Plan

Thank you!