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Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

College: My Dream. My Plan.

GEAR UP Overview

Created by Congress in 1998, GEAR UP is a federal grant program funded by the U.S. Department of Education. GEAR UP provides six- and seven-year grants to states and partnerships to provide services at high-poverty middle and high schools. This federal program is designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

647,772
low-income students are served by GEAR UP programs in 42 states and 2 territories.

Washington was awarded its third consecutive state GEAR UP grant in September 2011. The six-year, \$27 million award is being used to provide direct services to over 8,000 students in 28 high-poverty school districts statewide.



In addition to the state program, Washington is home to ten individually funded partnership programs. These eleven programs total over \$23 million annually and serve over 34,000 students in 75 school districts statewide.

Partners

- University of Washington
- College Success Foundation
- Washington State Employees Credit Union
- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
- USA Funds
- ACT
- National Council for Community and Education Partnerships

71%
of GEAR UP students expect to graduate from a 4-year university.

86%
of GEAR UP students have received academic counseling, and career planning services.

In 2007, Washington became the first state in the country to have state-funded support for the GEAR UP program. The State Legislature went on to approve \$2.5 million for the 2011-13 biennium.

Services Provided

- Comprehensive mentoring
- Tutoring
- Quarterly family workshops
- ACT & SAT preparation and testing
- College campus field trips
- Career exploration
- Job shadowing opportunities
- Financial aid webinars & workshops
- Scholarship searches
- College admission assistance
- Financial literacy curriculum
- STEM enhancement
- Summer programs
- Counseling and advising

“This program has taught me to be a better person. It has taught me to be more dedicated to my education and more responsible in my decision making. I have also seen improvement in my work ethic. This program means everything to me”

*Washington State GEAR UP
Javier Corona*

Professional Development



Washington is a founding partner of the GEAR UP West conference and the primary planning and facilitation team of the seven-state collaboration.

In addition to GEAR UP West, Washington State GEAR UP and our professional development partners deliver curricula through student and family workshop sessions and provide training and technical assistance to school-based staff. Topics include:

- College Access
- College Affordability
- College Awareness
- College Preparation
- Common Core State Standards
- Family Engagement
- STEM
- Critical Transitions

Impact & Results

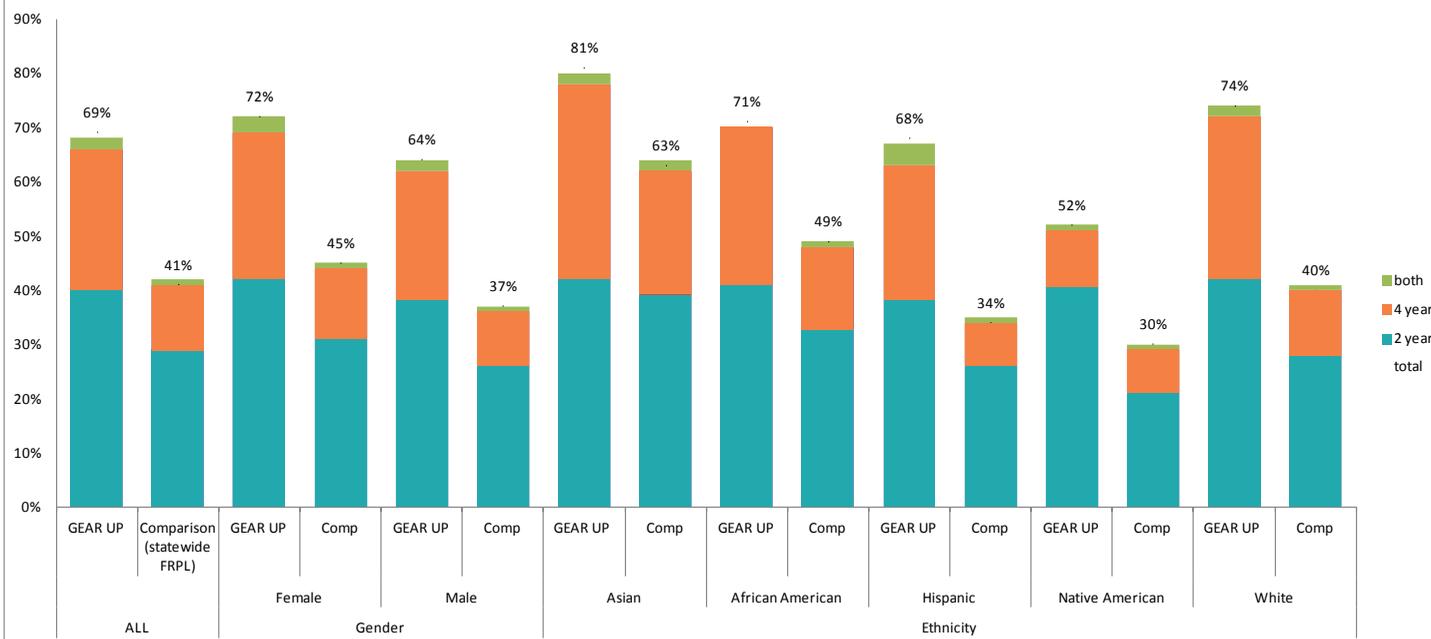
In 2011, Washington State University analyzed outcomes for Washington State GEAR UP students who graduated in the classes of 2001 through 2005. The analysis focused on 769 students who earned scholarship credit through the program. For comparison purposes, parallel statistics have been included for a statewide population of low-income students from the same graduating classes who participated in the Free and Reduced Price Lunch program.

Compared to other low-income students, GEAR UP students had more positive outcomes on virtually all measures of enrollment, persistence, and degree attainment.

93%
of parents of a GEAR UP student have talked to their child about attending college.

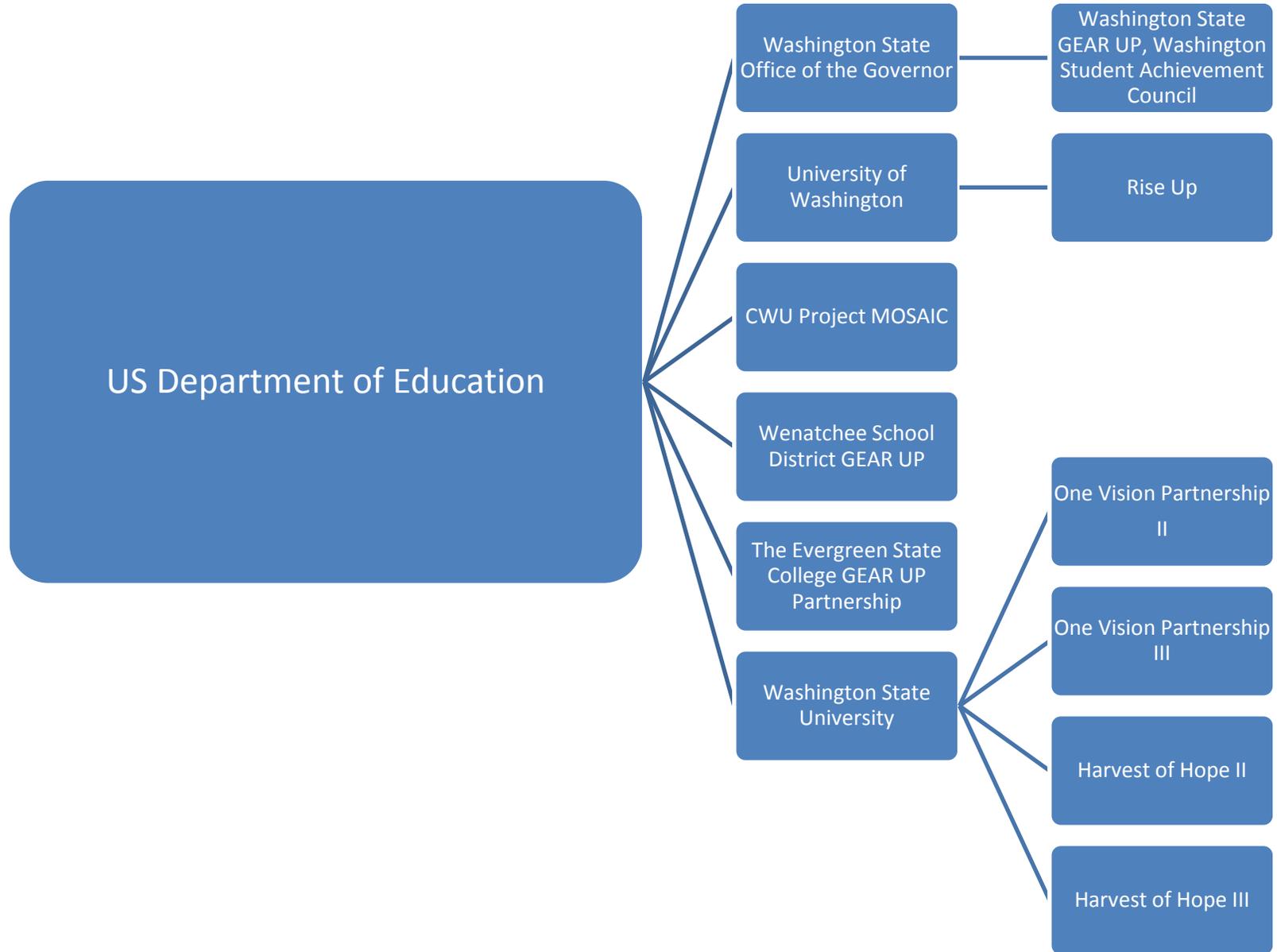
79%
of GEAR UP students have received financial aid counseling and advising.

Year One College Enrollment by Gender and Ethnicity



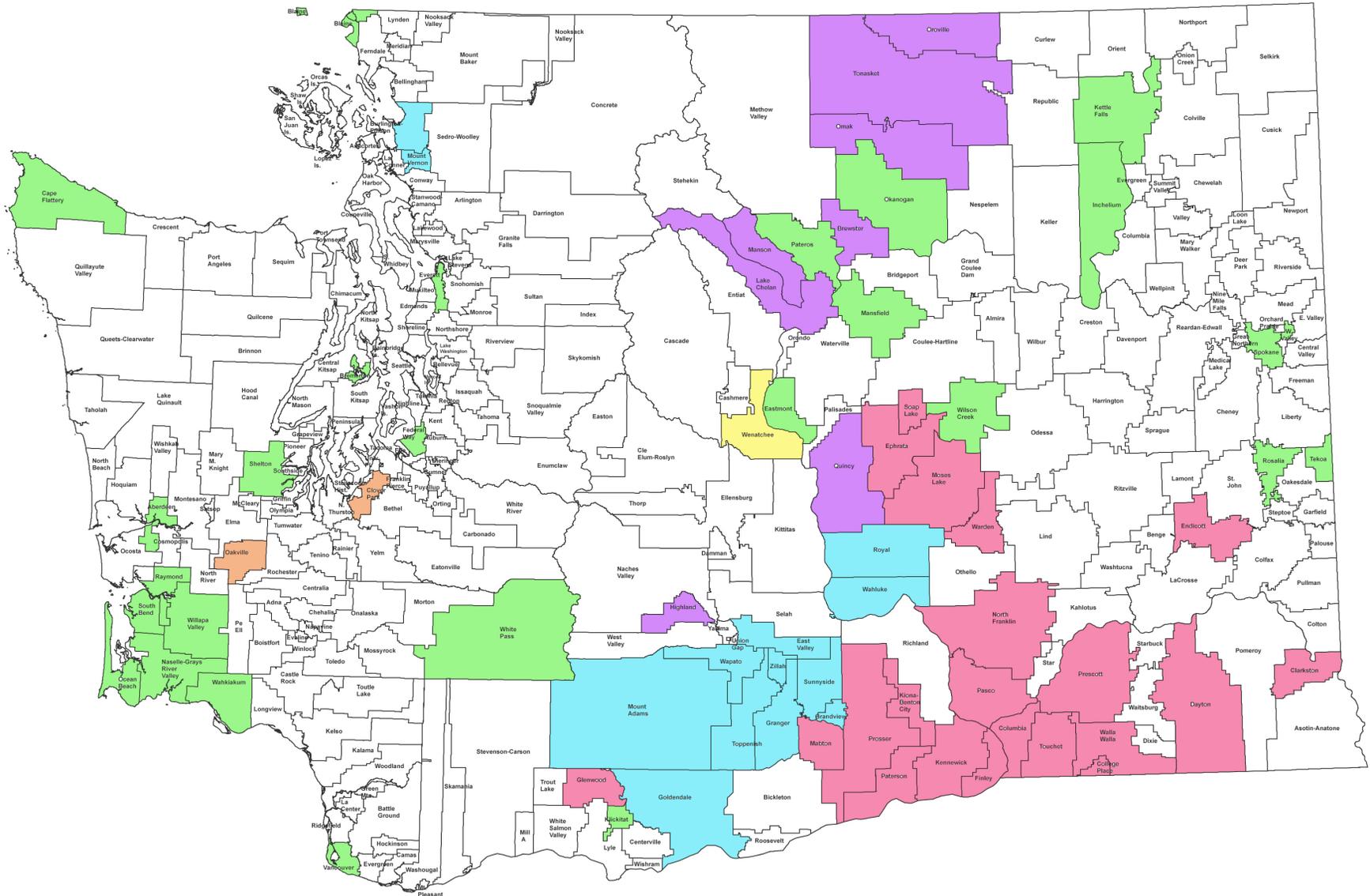


GEAR UP Family Tree



Districts Served by GEAR UP Programs in Washington

2014-2015 School Year



- Washington State GEAR UP (WSAC)
- Central Washington University GEAR UP Partnership
- Washington State University GEAR UP Partnership
- University of Washington GEAR UP Partnership
- Wenatchee School District GEAR UP Partnership
- The Evergreen State College GEAR UP Partnership