Dreamers Resource Center – Laying the Foundation

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Educational Services
Struggles & Barriers

Campus Climate & Culture

• Social Stigmas/Discrimination
• Managing Emotions
• Establishing Trust with Administrators/Faculty/Staff
• Financial complications
How to create a safe & welcoming campus climate for self-disclosure

• Knowledgeable about history
• Well-informed about current legal and political climate – federal & state
• Sensitive to student’s situation and citizenship status
• Support student organizations
• Encourage students to identify with terms they are comfortable using
Planning, Paperwork or ‘Policy’

On all college campuses today
Items to Cover

- Accountability & Measures
  - Funding Sources
  - Plans & Scorecards
- Campus Partnerships & Support
- Outreach & Recruitment: Applying & Admissions
- Financial Aid Support & Understanding
  - Available Scholarships
- Dreamers Resource Centers/Staff (Undocumented Student Services)
- Programs & Plans for Academic Year
  - Transferring to Dreamer friendly campus
Measures of Success & Accountability

• Organizational Reporting Order (i.e. Diversity Initiatives, Student Services)
  • Initial year with expected growth for the next two years
• Properly Identified Funding Categories
• Inclusion of Work Study students, Professional support
• Self Reporting Indicators
  • Surveys
  • District/County collaborations
Campus Partnerships

• Message to Faculty, Unions & Associations – align intentions
• Student Community: e.g. Associate Student Government, Clubs
• Locate a site for Dreamers Resource Center or Office
• Administrative Liaisons:
  • Outreach & Admissions
  • Financial Aid Office
  • Transfer Center
  • Counseling Department
  • Career Center
Outreach & Recruitment

• Feeder High School Relationships
  • Districts, Administrators, & Community Leaders
• Self Reporting Groups Survey & Assessment Tools
  • Consider: Dreamer, Foster Youth indicators
• Inclusion of Campus Wide Recruitment
  • STEM, EOPS
• Outreach Team should be trained & updated
Financial Aid Support
CA Dream Act Application: https://dream.csac.ca.gov/

• Cross-reference with Dreamer forms submitted & self-reported components
  • Manual process/labor intensive
• Activities/Workshops for Dreamers
  • State Financial Aid Support – e.g. CA Dream Act Application
  • Scholarship Searches (at current & intended campus)
  • Job/Internship/Career Searches & Prep (DACA Sensitive)
Dreamers Resource Centers/Staff (Undocumented Student Services)

- **Educational Success**
  - Guides Dreamers through Admissions Process
  - Promote Financial Aid Office Services
  - Link to campus resources for retention & degree completion

- **Understanding Legal Barriers**
  - Referrals to ‘Friendly’ Attorneys & Community Resources

- **Workshops & Programs specific to undocumented students**
  - i.e. DACA, DAPA, Driver’s License access

- **Build Relationships with Friendly 4 year institutions for transferring options**
Program Plans for Academic Year

• Timeline (Brainstorm & Collect Ideas)
  • ‘Soft’ Start ideas & activities
  • Grand Opening or 1st Annual Function
  • 2015-2016 Dreamers Calendar
  • Planning, Paperwork or Policy (Politics)
  • Marketing & Branding Dreamer Resources

• Legal Referral Partners
  • Give Advice on Inquiries
Final Notes

- Campus Task Force to Lay Down Foundation
- Coordinator v. Group/Area Responsibility
- Training (who gets the training & how often)
- Guidance off the clock
- Inclusion campus wide – systemic/consistent
- Professional Expert v. Consultant
Questions?

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