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Designing with Autonomy: A College Counseling Program for Charter Schools

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Goals of the Session

Provide strategies that consider student outcomes and the autonomy of charter schools

Provide ideas for your program

Create a space for exchange of ideas and information



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Our School

- Our school serves the area of MacArthur Park and our students are 98% Latino
- We have a teacher staff of 24; 16-18 of which teach in our college knowledge program
- We have a 240:1 counselor ratio.
- Our college counseling model allows for counselors to stay with their caseloads to ensure deeper relationships
- On average, 75%-80% four-year acceptance, 72%-76% enrollment



Nine Principles of College Counseling

College Talk

Clear Expectations

Information
& Resources

Comprehensive
Counseling Model

Testing and
Curriculum

Faculty Involvement

Family Involvement

College Partnerships

Articulation



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The Nine Principles of College Counseling at CNCA

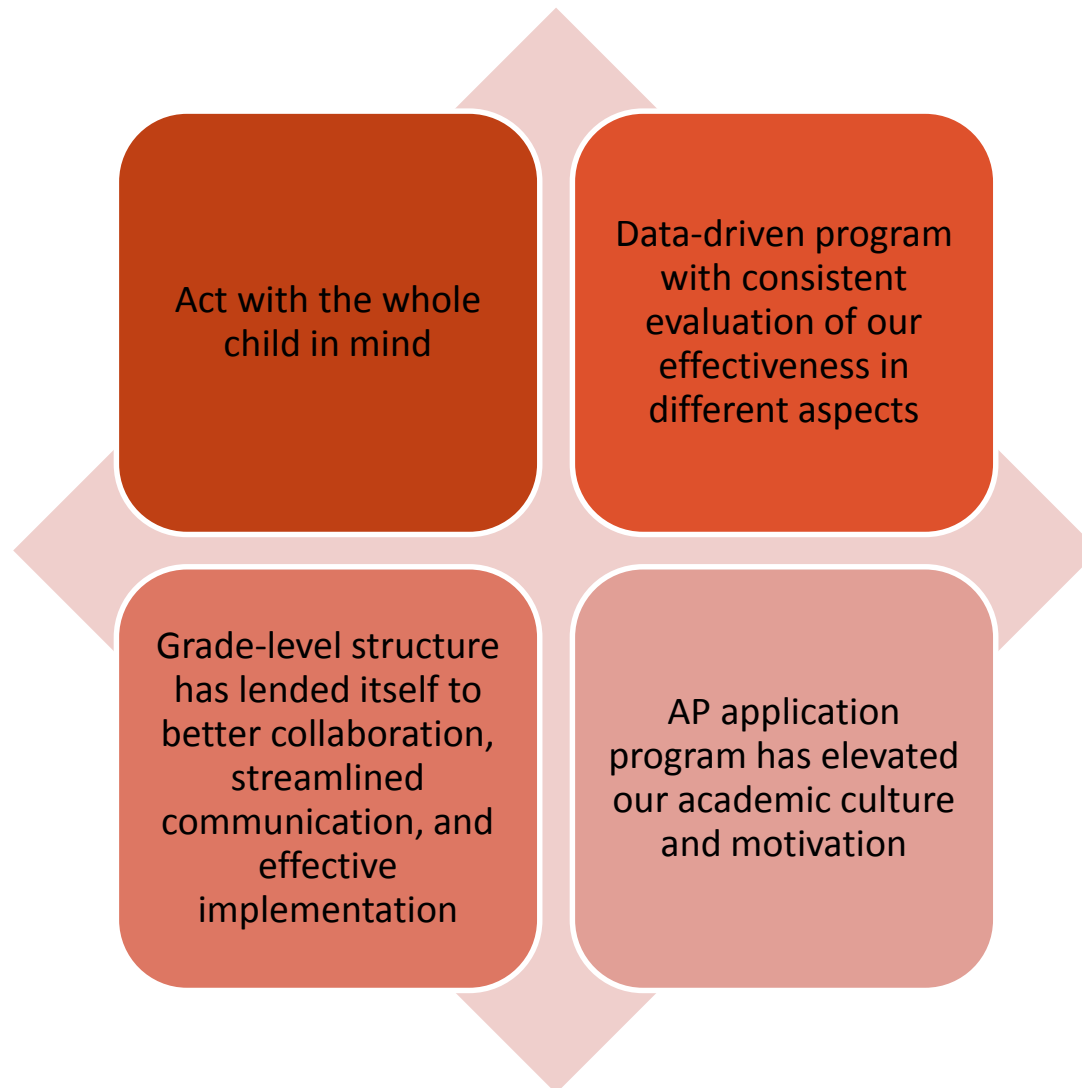
Building with Autonomy

- Being part of the Administration Team allows us to hone in on the priorities and needs of our students in terms of their college preparation and voice those needs.
- The mission of our charter organization includes preparing our students to be prepared for college beginning in pre-k through their college career.
- The College Counselors advocates for the counseling program and this has helped build trust among other school leaders and the home support office.



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Becoming Effective



Becoming Effective *cont.*



Learning from Others

College Awareness

Parental Involvement

Academic Advising
and Success

Small Student-to-
counselor Ratio

Social Preparation



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Learning from Others *cont.*

- College representatives as social capital
- Progressive college counseling model
- Cohort-style caseload management
- A-G as graduation requirements are the hallmark for California charter school success
- Everyone is a college counselor on site



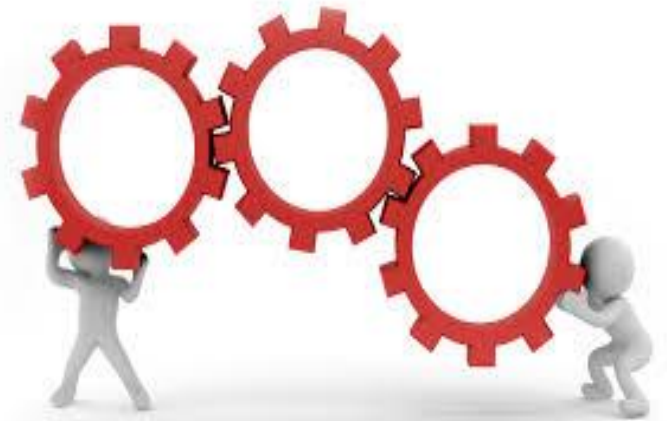
Strategies

- Design a program that is student-centered, sustainable and has the ability to involve all stakeholders
- Create your own network among other college counselors at charter schools
- Share your best practices with stakeholders and potential partners
- Create a culture of high expectations for students, while ensuring that the school is being supportive



Strategies

- Share your successes with students, teachers and families alike
- Set goals as a campus to involve all stakeholders in the college counseling process
- Make use of the summer (as possible)
- Create student energy around college culture through competitions



Thank you!

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