


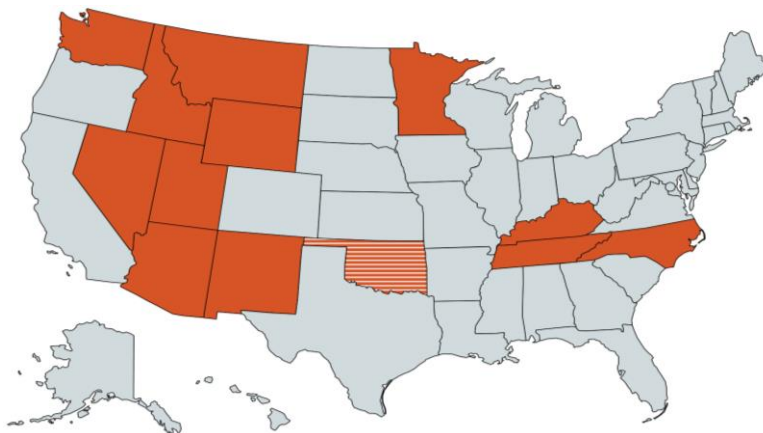
Examining Relationships Between Service Activities and Student Success Outcomes

CCREC conducted a longitudinal, multi-state evaluation examining relationships between GEAR UP service activities and three key outcomes: FAFSA completion, high school graduation, and postsecondary enrollment. GEAR UP is a discretionary grant funded through the U.S. Department of Education designed to increase the number of students from low-income schools who are prepared for, enroll in, and succeed in postsecondary education.

About CCREC

Established in 2010, CCREC is a grantee-led initiative to conduct an evaluation of GEAR UP. The founding 13-member grants established the infrastructure to conduct a longitudinal, multi-grant, collaborative evaluation.

Among the 13 founding members, 12 contributed data and 1 member () was unable to contribute data to the service evaluation.









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Summary of Results

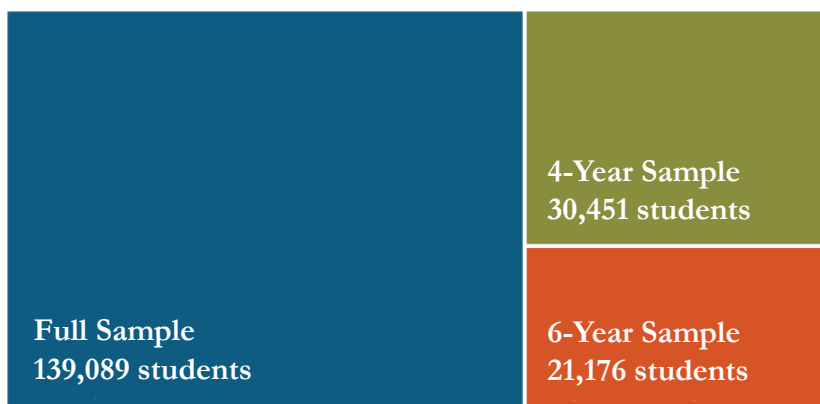
The tables below summarize statistically significant relationships between service categories and FAFSA completion, high school graduation, and postsecondary enrollment across three student samples. An arrow pointing up (↑) indicates positive relationships across all three samples, an arrow pointing down (↓) indicates negative relationships, and the absence of an arrow indicates mixed results across the three samples. For more information about the service categories, visit <https://www.edpartnerships.org/ccrec>.

	FAFSA Completion	High School Graduation	Postsecondary Enrollment
Student Services			
Comprehensive Mentoring	↑	↑	↑
Financial Aid Counseling	↑		↑
Counseling/Advising			↑
Campus Visits	↑		
Job Site Visits	↑	↑	↓
Summer Programs	↑		↑
Workshops	↑		↓
Tutoring	↓		↓
Educational Field Trips		↓	
Family Services			
Campus Visits	↓		
Counseling/Advising		↑	
Financial Aid Workshops	↑	↑	↑
Events	↑		↑

Samples

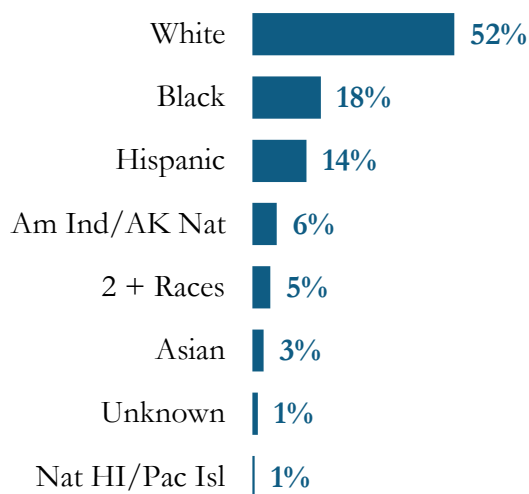
The evaluation centered on three samples of students from CCREC grants.

- **Full Sample:** Enrolled in GEAR UP at any time between 7th and 12th grade
- **4-Year Sample:** Enrolled in GEAR UP continuously between 9th and 12th grade
- **6-Year Sample:** Enrolled in GEAR UP continuously between 7th and 12th grade



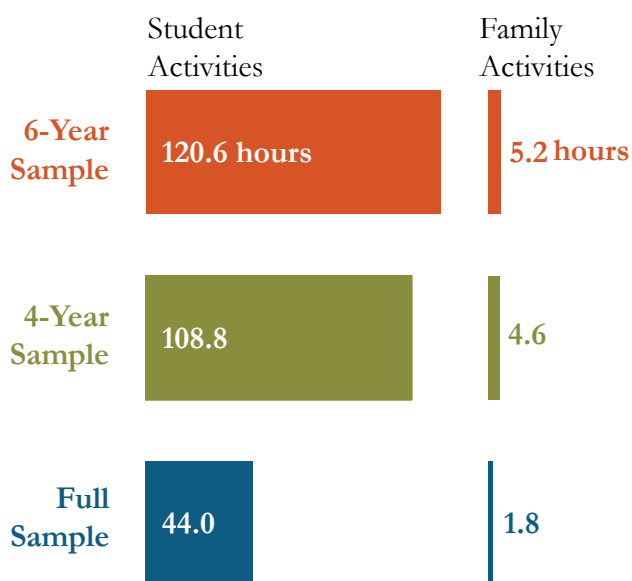
Student Demographics

The figure below represents students in the **full sample**; values for the **4-year sample** and **6-year sample** are similar.



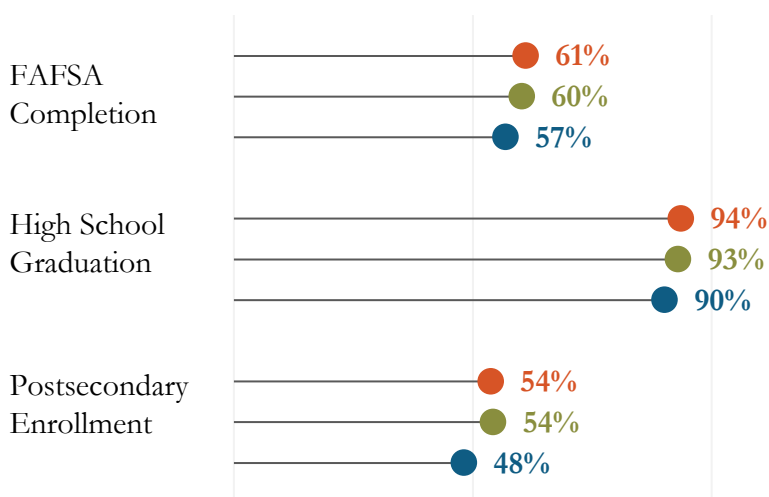
GEAR UP Activities by Sample

Students from the **6-year sample** had the highest average service activities for all activities.



Descriptive Outcomes

Students in the **6-year sample** outperformed students in the **4-year sample** and **full sample** on FAFSA completion and high school graduation.



Key Findings Across the Samples

- Financial Aid Counseling was the strongest predictor across all three outcomes.
- Comprehensive Mentoring had a positive relationship across all three outcomes for all samples.
- Comprehensive Mentoring, Financial Aid Counseling, Counseling/Advising, and Summer Programs had positive relationships with postsecondary enrollment across all samples.
- Tutoring/Homework Assistance, while negatively associated with FAFSA completion and postsecondary enrollment, remains a vital GEAR UP service for further examination.
- FAFSA completion rates were about five percentage points higher than the national average.
- Postsecondary enrollment rates were aligned with national postsecondary outcomes.

Future reporting will examine the relationships between service activities and postsecondary persistence and completion.