

What's New: GEAR UP Counselors Newsletter

Regional GEAR UP team meeting with school teams to begin planning process

The Regional GEAR UP team has been traveling around to meet with all the school teams to brainstorm and begin constructing plans for student services, parent involvement, partnership development and professional development.

The brainstorming sessions have revolved around our core objectives of Lifting Aspirations, Building Skills and Creating a College Going culture. We'll finish up our visits next week.

All of our school teams are very excited about the possibilities that GEAR UP brings. We look forward to seeing how GEAR UP will be implemented in each of our 6 districts.

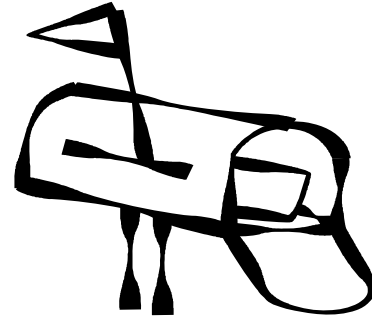
Thanks for all your help in making these meetings be so productive.

Don't Forget:

Bryan Erslan, Director of Financial Aid at Berea College, will be conducting a Financial Aid workshop for GEAR UP Counselors and regional staff on December 8, 8:30—12:00 in the Bruce Building, Room 226. For more information, contact Linda Stone (Linda_Stone@bera.edu)

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In order to effectively communicate with all our field staff, we will be sending out a bi-weekly GEAR UP Counselors newsletter.

If you have any suggestions, questions or concerns that could be addressed in the newsletter, contact Kim Gardner or any of the regional GEAR UP staff.

District Instructional Supervisors reviewing GEAR UP Counselor position description

As many of you already know, the regional GEAR UP team has developed a position description for GEAR UP counselors.

As we have been traveling around, meeting with school teams, we have been sharing this position description and asking for input. In most districts, the direct supervision of the GEAR UP Counselor will be the responsibility of the district Instructional Supervisor.

Be sure to schedule time with your IS to discuss the position description.

If you do not have a position description, just contact Kim Gardner (Kim_Gardner@bera.edu)

Is it time for your school to review its CSIP (Comprehensive School Improvement Plan)?

As Professional Development Coordinator, Kim Gardner, will be attending all CSIP planning sessions in the GEAR UP service region. When your school schedules their CSIP session, please let Kim (Kim_Gardner@bera.edu) know.

Remember!!

Collect Explore answer sheets and return to Linda Stone as soon as possible.

Questions? Contact Linda at Linda_Stone@bera.edu