Mentoring Program Evaluation
An Issue in Clark County

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21.2% of Nevada adults 25-64 have a bachelors degree or higher.

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Approximately 19,500 students did not graduate from Nevada’s high schools in 2008; the lost lifetime earnings in Nevada for that class of dropouts alone are more than $5.1 billion.

- Alliance for Excellent Education 2008
2004
The Nevada Public Education Foundation met key leaders and stakeholders in the Clark County community.

2005
The Ready for life concept was created based on their suggestions.

2007
Ready for Life was “adopted” as the organizing framework for a newly-formed regional Committee on Youth, under the auspices of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition.

2008
First “Ready for Life” Nevada Drop Out Summit.
Funding Now and Funding Later

Clark County SNRPC’s “Ready for Life” program is designed to provide funding and endorsements to mentors and mentoring programs.

• Currently no public funds for mentoring…

• How to distribute future allocated funding?
Ready for Life’s Needs

In regards to mentoring Ready for Life needs to determine or create base criteria for identifying legitimate mentoring programs which would be qualified to receive public funding.
The Process

1. Design a survey
2. Distribute the survey to existing mentoring programs and those seeking to develop mentoring programs.
3. Code and analyze the responses.
4. Develop a checklist of defined qualifiers.
5. Submit results, findings and recommendations.
Our Goal

1. Design a survey
Survey Design

We will collect data by the use of a survey consisting of questions both qualitative and quantitative.

• These surveys will seek to:
  • Better understand what is currently being done;
  • Rate organizations mentoring programs;
  • Describe organizations providing mentoring programs;
  • Evaluate and define “best practices”.

The Survey

Questions 1-5

Demographics

1. Identify the organization

2. Compare organizations to one another
   • Size
   • Scope
   • Current structure
Survey

Section 2: Programing

1. Types of mentoring currently offered.

2. Prospective types of mentoring
Survey

Section 3: Qualitative

1. Organizations' idealistic views of mentoring
2. Internal and external benchmarks and optimization
3. Plans for future funding


Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services, DJJS Scorecard 2008-2010.

Clark County Department of Family Services, 2010
Questions
&
Comments