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Georgia Division of Family and Children Services



THE ORANGE DUFFEL BAG INITIATIVE



GEAR UP Georgia

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Technical College System of Georgia

College Access & Success Initiatives

Overview

The State of Georgia initiatives around College Access and Success seek to help prepare students academically and socially for college, provide the information and resources needed for them to successfully enroll in college and to assist them in reaching their academic and personal goals in college, graduating on time and without wasted credits

Target Audience

- Middle and High School Students
- First-generation
- Low-income Students
- Students in the Foster Care System
- Students who've experiences Homelessness

Partners

University System of Georgia, Georgia Student Finance Commission/GAFutures, Georgia Department of Education, Technical College System of Georgia, The Scholarship Academy, Governor's Office of Student Achievement, Embark Georgia, Orange Duffel Bag Initiative, Georgia Department of Family and Children Services

Annual Timeline

Event	Action	Strategy	Month Delivered
GEAR UP Georgia	Trainings (Counselors/STEM Teachers), Workshops, Tutoring, Mentoring, <i>Accuplacer Assessments, Trauma-Informed Coaching, 1st-Year POC Campus Support</i> , Leadership Activities, Career Awareness. Summer Programs, <i>Spring Success Events</i> , Leadership Activities, Spring Success Days, Accelerated Opportunities, Dual Enrollment, Scholarship Lunches/Boot Camps, College Signing Days, 1 st Year Support	Provide supports for 7 th grade– 1 st year college students, <i>foster or homeless students</i> , parents and educators to receive their high school diploma, prepare for post-secondary education, prepare for careers and support through their first year of college.	All Year
GSFC Apply to College Month	Assistance with College Applications	High schools, group homes and other partner facilities throughout Georgia will host GAC events where their seniors not only have dedicated class time to apply to college, they have an opportunity to speak with representatives from postsecondary institutions about navigating the college application process.	November

Dual Enrollment	Dual Enrollment coursework	Program that provides funding for students at eligible high schools that are enrolled to take approved college-level coursework for credit towards both high school and college graduation requirements.	Fall, Spring & Summer
GATRACS Training and Workshops	Manage course credit transfers	Students can use this portal to manage course credit as they transfer between schools within the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia.	All Year
Scholarship Academy Workshops, Scholarship Lunches & Boot Camps	TSA Events	Mini Scholarship Boot Camp, a project-based workshop series teaches students as early as 6th grade how to use civic engagement to build their personal scholarship brands. Curriculum helps middle school students create service-learning projects, or “scholarship brag projects” that increase their eligibility for national scholarships.	All Year
GAFutures Website	College Access Portal	Provides a platform for students to prepare, plan and apply for college as well as participate in activities for College and Career Exploration in order to make an appropriate College Fit	All Year
GSFC Statewide Financial Aid & FAFSA Completion events	K12 Schools & Community Organizations	Provide awareness and training for counselors & school personnel and workshops for students and parents on college preparation, career planning and financial aid.	All Year starting in September
Embark Georgia	Campus Support	Provide aligned support through service agencies and on-campus support through a designated point of contact to students who have experienced foster care and/or homelessness to ensure they will have ample academic, financial, social, and emotional supports to access, navigate and complete a post-secondary education. Addresses issues of scarcity like Food and Housing Insecurity.	All Year
Orange Duffel Bag Initiative	Support for Disconnected Youth	Prepare students in foster care or who’ve experienced homelessness, through the proven methodology of facilitating human positive transformational change and trauma informed care, to create their own self-directed life and education plans.	Fall, Spring
USG Momentum Year	College Completion	Assisting students with starting their college careers by making a purposeful choice in a focus area or program, with a productive academic mindset and a clearly sequenced program maps. Utilizing best practices around intrusive advising, co-requisite remediation courses, “15 to Finish,” key academic and non-academic milestones, Instructional Delivery, etc.	All Year

Staff Contact and Resources

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