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Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP

In August 2015, Wichita State was awarded a seven-year statewide GEAR UP grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP (KKGU) serves students in foster care and state custody. KKGU assists this target population to graduate from high school and prepare them for postsecondary education. Six service regions provide support services and summer programming.

KKGU goals include academically supporting students through in-school and after-school programming. Activities include college and career exploration, college tours, and financial literacy activities designed to educate foster families on the requirements for postsecondary programs. The KKGU summer programs help students choose careers and explore the educational requirements of careers.

KKGU also awards financial need-based scholarships to program students. Scholarships are used as incentives to improve academic performance, high school graduation rates and efforts towards setting career goals.

Homework Assistance Program

Advanced academic performance and post-secondary readiness is the focus of the Homework Assistance Program (HAP). HAP connects students with certified teachers and collegiate tutors, providing drop-in tutoring and homework assistance to eligible Wichita Public Schools students in grades six through 12. HAP also conducts ACT, financial aid, financial literacy workshop on a monthly basis.

Homework

Assistance

Program

2015-2016 KKGU Highlights

2,500 students received program services

92% of high school seniors received a high school diploma or its equivalent

184 graduates enrolled in colleges/universities

\$1,253,028 in need-based college scholarships were awarded to students



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