

Oklahoma GEAR UP
“Raising College Aspirations” Community-Based Organization Incentive Grant Program
2005-2006 Grant Recipients and Project Highlights

Boys and Girls Club of Tahlequah will partner with Tahlequah Junior High and Northeastern State University for “Faces of Success,” where seventh-, eighth- and ninth-grade students profile and learn about successful community professionals and their educations.

Chickasha Boys and Girls Club will partner with the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, Chickasha Middle School, Canadian Valley Technology Center, My Street Youth Program, Shirt-N-Stuff and Rib Pit to provide eighth-grade males, especially minorities, with mentoring, tutoring, college tours, and special incentives and rewards for goal setting and achievement.

Community Service Council of Greater Tulsa will partner with San Miguel Middle School, Tulsa Community College, the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, and the Oklahoma Alliance for Manufacturing Excellence for “Raising College Expectations for Hispanic Children.” Academic services will be provided for Hispanic students in sixth, seventh and eighth grades and their families.

The Freedom Education Foundation will partner with Freedom Public Schools and Northwestern Oklahoma State University for “Providing Education Aspirations for Kids.” The program will work with students and parents through character education presentations, field trips, mentoring and education night activities.

God’s Desire Daycare/Shiloh Baptist Church, Muskogee, will partner with the Northeastern State University, Muskogee Public Schools, Baptist Ministers Union, Martin Luther King Center, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority to provide mentoring, tutoring, and career and character development services and activities.

Greater Oklahoma City Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will partner with Oklahoma State University–Oklahoma City and Oklahoma City Community College for “Viva OHLAP.” Capitol Hill High School, Southeast High School and U.S. Grant High School students and families can participate in college preparation activities, campus tours and special events.

Guymon Community Enrichment Foundation will partner with Oklahoma Panhandle State University and Guymon Public Schools for “Raising College Aspirations in Texas County.” Students will be introduced to careers requiring college degrees, and parents and students will learn more about Oklahoma’s Promise-OHLAP and other types of financial aid.

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, Perkins, will partner with Northern Oklahoma College and the Perkins-Tryon School District to provide “GEAR UP for OHLAP.” Students will receive information about college through field trips, campus tours, presentations and workshops, home visits and college aspiration activities.

Love Faith Hope Ministry, Midwest City, will partner with Rose State College and eight Mid-Del school sites to provide “Aspiring for College with Love.” Eligible Oklahoma’s Promise-OHLAP participants will be contacted through direct mail, phone calls and personal visits regarding workshops, Shadow Days, campus tours, and community and cultural events.

Metropolitan Tulsa Urban League will collaborate with the YWCA Intercultural Center, Langston University and Tulsa Public Schools to provide presentations and monthly school site visits about college aspirations. They will seek to identify immigrants eligible for Oklahoma’s Promise-OHLAP and translate materials and services as needed.

Pawhuska Chamber of Commerce will partner with Pawhuska Public Schools, Northeastern State University, the Osage Literacy Council, the City of Pawhuska, state Rep. Joe Sweeden and the Pawhuska Ministerial Alliance to provide Oklahoma’s Promise-OHLAP information, workshops and application assistance, campus visits, financial aid workshops, job shadowing, tutoring and mentoring.

St. William’s Catholic Church, Durant, and St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Atoka, will partner with Durant and Atoka Public Schools, the Durant Chamber of Commerce and Southeastern Oklahoma State University for “Faith Inspiration for College Aspiration.” Oklahoma’s Promise-OHLAP information will be disbursed with special emphasis on serving the Hispanic population and providing parental awareness. College tours, admissions information and field trips will also be included.

Timberlake Ministerial Alliance, Helena, will partner with Timberlake Public Schools and Northwestern Oklahoma State University for “Steps to Success,” a program that encourages parents to stay active in a child’s education from the beginning to the end. Field trips to college campuses, special presentations, mentors and tutoring will also be available.

Village/Britton/North Highland College Bound Program, Oklahoma City, will partner with the University of Central Oklahoma to provide mentoring, tutoring, college night activities, SAT/ACT preparation and a computer lab for students at John Marshall High School and Hoover Middle School. Oklahoma’s Promise-OHLAP information and application assistance will be disseminated to parents through the BritVil Food Pantry.

Wesley United Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, will partner with Oklahoma City University, Riverside Indian School, Harding Charter Preparatory School and the Busey Group to provide mentors and presentations on goal setting and overcoming barriers prevalent in the college admissions and education process.