

February 25, 2013
American Graduate Meeting Notes
United Way Conference room

Attendees:

Sharon Tenorio—Big Brothers Big Sisters
 Vernon Butler—Families United for Education
 David Cox—Horizon Academy West
 Melissa Harris—Generation Justice
 Kristin Johnson—ATF
 Theresa Brito-Asenap—Educational Consultant
 Nicole Byrd—NM Office of African American Affairs
 Marvin Johnson—District Attorney’s Office

Kay Provolt –JAG Rio Rancho HS
 Zoe Otero-Martinez –Junior Achievement
 Suzan Reagan—NMDWS
 Robert Baade—Robert F Kennedy Charter
 Linda Ortiz—Robert F Kennedy Charter
 Renata Witte—New Mexico PTA
 Michael Kamins –New Mexico PBS
 Rose M. Poston—New Mexico PBS
 Hollie Lovely—New Mexico PBS

Introduction, Welcome, and Today’s Goals by Laurel Wyckoff

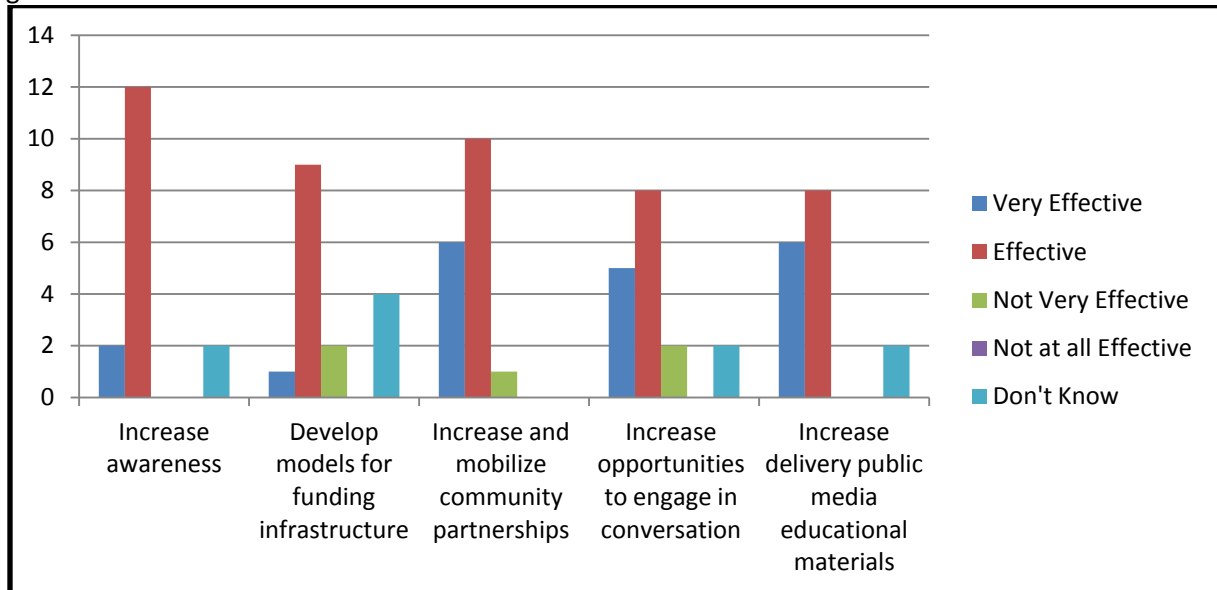
Report on APS Title One Parent Engagement Conference held on February 23. Event was co-hosted by New Mexico PTA and New Mexico PBS—American Graduate. The question “What are the barriers to regular attendance” was proposed to parents and youth groups. A wordle was created based on group input:

Youth responses included—parents working, aren’t around; oversleeping; laziness; teachers miss class, subs babysit; testing; too much drama; classes not engaging; some classes not as important; family life.

Parent responses included—homelessness, bullying, drugs, gangs, racism, boredom, language, money, illness, transportation, peer pressure; domestic violence; disrespect by teachers; school-family-communication; not being challenged.

Evaluation Survey results

Thanks to everyone who filled out our evaluation survey! Year One evaluation is based on original CPB goals.



Content update: Tour of American Graduate website and new community partner page

Presentation by Dr. Teresa Brito-Asenap of The Unidos Project for Latino Student Success New Mexico, The PowerPoint will be posted on the American Graduate web site.

Highlights include:

- Statistics reviewed include 2005-2010 Latinos enrolled in public school in New Mexico increased 53.3 to 56.6 percent
- Graduation rate shows no growth for four and five year graduation rate
- Vision of project: attain 55,000 degrees for Hispanic/Latinos by 2025 (25,000 new degrees)
- Goals of Project: Graduate more Latino from high school; Enroll more Hispanic students in post secondary education; Graduate more Hispanic/Latino students from two and four year colleges
- How can we achieve our vision? Set achievable target aligned to each goal; Build a backbone structure to support collective impact; Develop four strategic focus areas with mutually reinforcing activities that are aligned to the big goals; Create work groups for each strategic focus areas to implement the activities; Report progress regularly and make adjustments
- Structure of the Unidos Project
- The metaphor is the very New Mexico system called the acequia. Four Strategic Focus Areas with goals and activities on:
 - Opening the Gate—redefining and scaling up services to support students and families
 - Increasing the Flow—helping students and families understand the transformational power of education
 - Reclaiming the Flow—bringing students back
 - Removing Barriers—Institutional Development to Facilitate Seamless Transitions

Next meeting will be March 25, United Way of Central NM, second floor

Question for next meeting: How do we make a case statement that American graduate should continue? Thanks to everyone for your time and willingness to partner with New Mexico PBS.

*****Meeting concluded*****