

AT&T/United Way Worldwide Family Engagement for High School Success Grant

Amount

- \$50,000 Grant from AT&T through United Way Worldwide
- Over \$50,000 Match funds provided by United Way Foundation
- \$27,500 In-Kind Match provided by WS/FCS, YMCA, and United Way

Impact

Short-term Outcomes: Decrease the number of 9th grade dropouts
 Decrease the number of 9th graders failing 9th grade
 Increase attendance of 9th graders
 Increase parents/guardians attending school learning opportunities

Long-term Outcomes: Increase number of students passing End of Course tests
 Increase the high school graduation rate

Project Focus

- Atkins, Carver, and Parkland High Schools
- All three schools are Title 1
- Percentage on free/reduced lunch: 78.6% at Atkins, 57% at Parkland, 73% at Carver

Project Purpose

Development of complementary strategies to:

- Bolster family engagement and education
- increase parent understanding of their children's school environment
- improve direct family involvement in their children's school
- increase student academic success

Key Strategies

- Expand Graduating Our Future's Prep for Success Summer Academy to Carver and Atkins (currently only at Parkland). The Academy has achieved success in assisting at-risk students attain better attendance, grades, and behavior than their peers.
- Enhance family linkage through the Prep for Success Summer Academies at Parkland, Carver, and Atkins.
- Improve Family Engagement activities through on-site staff at Parkland, Carver, and Atkins focused on engaging with parents of 9th grade students at risk of failing or who have already failed 9th grade.
- Collaborate with Communities Helping All Neighbors Gain Empowerment (CHANGE) to engage and educate parents and families in the neighborhoods served by the three schools. The primary purpose is to create a stronger bond between parents and the schools and strengthen parents' voice in their children's schools.

