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GEAR UP: Right Choices for Youth Partnership

Grantee

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Funding Level

FY99 - \$500,000; Total over 5 years – \$14,338,276

Students

Number of students served over 5 years – 6140

Partners

Region One Education Service Center; University of Texas, Pan American; South Texas Community College; Texas State College, Harlingen; ADVANCE-Rio Grande Valley; Rio Grande Valley Empowerment Zone; Tech Prep of the Rio Grande Valley; Brownsville ISD; Donna ISD; Edcouch-Elsa ISD; Edinburg Consolidated ISD; Hidalgo ISD; La Villa ISD; Lyford CISD; McAllen ISD; Mercedes ISD; Mission CISD; Monte Alto ISD; Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD; Point Isabel ISD; Progreso ISD; Rio Grande City CISD; Roma ISD; San Benito CISD; San Peralta ISD; Santa Maria ISD; Sharyland ISD; United ISD; Valley View ISD; Weslaco ISD; Zapata County ISD;

GEAR UP: Right Choices for Youth Partnership

The Partnership will give economically disadvantaged students the skills, encouragement and preparation needed to pursue a post-secondary education. The targeted schools have student bodies that are 95% Hispanic, with 81.5% identified as economically disadvantaged and 68.7% considered at-risk of educational failure. A cohort approach will be implemented in coordination with existing early intervention programs, and will supplement existing services provided by participating schools. A proactive approach to promote rigorous academic coursework through student-centered teams at middle and high school will be used. The teams will be composed of LEA personnel, university, community members, business leaders and parents. The partnership will build an infrastructure to deliver services through three major components: mentoring/tutoring, counseling/outreach, and support services.

GEAR UP Program Description

Authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1998, the purpose of this program is to support early college preparation and awareness activities at the local and state level. GEAR UP awards two types of competitive grants—Partnership grants and State grants. The Partnership grants are multi-year grants to local-designed partnerships

among colleges and low-income middle schools, plus at least two other partners – such as community organizations, businesses, State education Agencies, parent groups, or non-profits – to increase college entry rates among low-income youth. It is intended to support systemic changes at the LEA and Post-secondary levels to increase college readiness and entry for low-income youth. To provide support services for increasing the number of low-income youth attending college, the States will focus on providing early college awareness activities, increased academic support, awarding of scholarships and widely disseminating information on other available financial aid.