

Best Practices in Increasing FAFSA Filing Rates in GEAR UP Schools



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TN FAFSA Frenzy



- **Sharing data with GEAR UP TN Collaboratives**
 - FAFSA Completion Initiative- Federal Student Aid
 - Grant agencies are authorized to provide limited FAFSA information to high schools, school districts and “designated entities.”
 - State grant agency provides the information
- **Collaboration**
 - TN Higher Education Commission, TN Student Assistance Corporation, TN Department of Education and Tennessee Promise partnering organizations
 - All pertinent information and resources in the same place
- **3-Step Approach**
 - Counselor Meetings, TN FAFSA Frenzy Handbook, Financial Aid/FAFSA nights

Best Practices



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FAFSA Completion

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Collaborative Effort

Start Early

Create a TEAM

- **Educate the TEAM**
- **Set Goals**
- **Involve Everyone**

Partnerships
Community Involvement
Parents
All School Employees

Create a Target List

- **Unique Situations**
- **Need Extra Help**

Host

Financial Literacy

Events

College Planning Nights

College App Week

College Goal Sunday

Financial Aid Nights

TN FAFSA Frenzy

College Signing Day

Post Deadlines

Facebook

Banks

Grocery Stores

Doctor's Office

Phone Calls

Text Alerts

Newspaper

Fast Cash Locations

Public Assistance Locations

Extended Office Hours

Private Appointment

Celebrate
College Preparedness
&
FAFSA Completion

Questions?

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