Alaska’s CACG Program

Peer Mentor:

College/Career Guide

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- School Profile
  - 2008-2009 student population = 1,879
  - 153 staff and faculty
  - Student self report data 2008:
    - 65% attending 4 year college/university
    - 15% attending 2 year school/program
    - Accuracy questionable
Similar/co-existing programs

Career Resource Center
- Advisor: Yuko Benedetti
- Goal = Post high school planning
- Only 1 person for 1,879 students

A.V.I.D (Advancement via Individual Determination)
- National program
- First generation, low income, minority students in the academic middle (B, C, and D grades)
- Put these students on college track
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- Similar/co-existing programs (cont.)
  - Indian Education Program: Title VII
    - Community Counselor stationed at Service from the Indian Education Program.
    - Service available for native students, those eligible for the Title VII Indian Education Program
  - CITC (Cook Inlet Tribal Council) Native Students Program
    - Similar program
Why Service High School?

- **Shifting Demographics**
  - South High School Opened fall 2004
  - Resulted in redrawing of boundaries
  - Service HS 2003
    - 79% (1,932) white
    - 21% (527) minority
    - Total students = 2,459
  - Service HS 2008
    - 53% (995) white
    - 47% (884) minority
    - Total students = 1,879
Why Service High School?

- Shifting Demographics
  - South HS 2008
    - 75% (1,281) white
    - 25% (439) minority
    - Total students 1,720

- They requested our services to complement existing programs
Setup Activities

- College/Career Guide Training
  - FAFSA, application processes, AKCIS, financial aid, college/school exploration
  - UA system partners training
    - Local universities application and financial aid processes
- Utah OJT
  - Mountain View and East High
  - Met with current Peer Mentors
At Service High

- Meetings with faculty and staff
  - Principal and Assistant Principal of Academics
  - Counselors
  - Career Resource Advisor

- First Steps: Getting our names out there
  - Introductory Letter
  - Senior list from counselors
  - Senior questionnaire
  - Visual Displays
  - “Tabled” during lunch
At Service High

- Working with students
  - Used counselor’s list to identify and meet with students
  - Administered senior questionnaire
    - Used results to identify more students in need
  - In class presentations
  - Financial Aid night, CITC luncheon, Indian Ed. potluck, and incoming freshman night
  - Universal Encouragement Survey
At Service

Experiences with students

- Timing of program affected students we saw
  - Last minute planners
  - Large amount of UAA applicants (due to late application deadline)
  - Mainly seniors

- Observations from Scott and Misty
- Summer Activities
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Any Questions?