

AT&T Aspire: Boys & Girls Club of Farmington

Graduating Students, One Community at a Time



Program Description:

Since 1960 the Boys & Girls Club of Farmington, New Mexico has become an effective leader in the field of youth development work in the community. AT&T is proud to support quality services that have a real impact in our communities. The Aspire funding will help to fund the expansion of their BE GREAT: Graduate program by incorporating the Check & Connect program. This evidence-based successful program with proven results is based on the foundation of strong mentorship, getting parents and family involved, providing individual attention and strict oversight through regular monitoring.

Student engagement has emerged as a key ingredient of effective dropout prevention programs. The focus of this program will be on 25 students transitioning from 8th to 9th grade at the Farmington High school and 25 students transitioning at Piedra Vista High School. Both schools are located in rural New Mexico where the population is 30 percent American Indians, 23 percent Hispanic and 45 percent Caucasian, with a 95 percent low income level.

Up to 50 high school staff mentors will engage with the students one hour per week for 45 weeks to establish a mutual, trusting relationship. These mentors will also provide guidance to the parents regarding school systems and community referral systems. The Boys & Girls Club will provide family activities to reinforce a home support structure. These program components will aid in decreasing the drop out rate and provide a path to high school success.



Students:
50



Funding:
\$165,000

- Check & Connect within BE GREAT: Graduate program for **50 students**, evidence-based, proven results based on strong mentorship, parent involvement, individual attention, strict oversight through regular monitoring.
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"It's appropriate that AT&T's initiative is named 'Aspire,' because our kids have such impressive aspirations and this funding will help make their dreams a reality"

Benedikte Whitman, President of the Boys & Girls Club of Farmington.

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