

GATEWAY TO COLLEGE NATIONAL NETWORK

A second chance for high school dropouts



Tipping Point Grantee Since: 2011

Portfolio Area: Education + Youth

Founded: 2000

President: Laurel Dukehart

Target Population: High school dropouts and students, ages 16 – 21, on the verge of dropping out

Tipping Point Investment to Date: \$722,000

Area Served: East Bay + San Francisco

Projected Clients Served 2013: 476 (Bay Area)

Operating Budget: \$1.8 million (Bay Area)

Website: www.gatewaytocollege.org

NEED

Every year, an estimated 1.3 million students drop out of high school. Without a diploma, these youth face a future of low wages and limited opportunities for postsecondary education and advancement.

- Dropouts are 3.5 times more likely than high school graduates to be incarcerated.
- A dropout will earn \$260,000 less than a high school graduate over his or her lifetime.

Gateway to College students experience a variety of challenges that led them to fall behind or drop out of high school. In addition to school-based factors, many students struggle with issues related to their socioeconomic background, home and family circumstances, and health issues.

MODEL

Gateway to College National Network (GtCNN) is a college-based, dual credit program that serves students who have dropped out or are unlikely to graduate from high school. Students simultaneously earn a high school diploma and substantial college credit.

Core Services

- Significant dual credit
- Sustainable partnerships with school districts, colleges and other community organizations that help meet the need for dropout recovery
- Holistic student support to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of students
- Innovative teaching + learning techniques

IMPACT

- Improved Academic Performance: Gateway to College is unique in that all courses are standard college courses. Gateway students have passed 72% of nearly 70,000 college courses (with a C or better).
- Better Attendance: Despite having very poor attendance prior to entering the program, GtCNN students have an average attendance rate of 82%.
- College Credit Accumulation: In addition to receiving a high school diploma, students that graduate from Gateway to College also complete an average of 33 college semester credits, putting them well on their way to earning an associate's degree.

"Having instructors tell me that I was smart and worth something, and that I could do something with my life, completely changed everything. For the first time ever, people were proud of me. It was a huge deal."

-Leah, Graduate, Gateway to College National Network

TIPPING POINT VALUE ADDED

We protect your philanthropic investment by providing our grantees with the help they need to increase impact and achieve results in the fight against poverty.

MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE: Gateway to College staff participated in Tipping Point's Mental Health Initiative workshop series, boosting the organization's ability to meet a wide range of client needs.

TALENT: Gateway to College staff participated in Tipping Point Workshops, Human Capital series, strengthening the organization's capacity in this critical function.

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY: Tipping Point connected Gateway to College staff with several Bay Area foundations, supporting the organization in growing its local network.