

Breaking Away from Poverty- One Kentucky Community Leverages Partnerships



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Welcome to Richmond, Kentucky

- Richmond, Kentucky is the 6th largest city in the state, with a population of 33,533 (2015 Census). Richmond is the seat of Madison County that has a population of 82,916.
- Richmond serves as the center of work and shopping for south- central Kentucky.
- The unemployment rate is 4 % (March 2018).
- Geographically, Richmond sits in the foothills of the Appalachian Region



Welcome to Eastern Kentucky University



- Opened in 1906 to educate teachers, in 1948 began awarding non professional degrees
- 1 of 8 state funded four year universities
- Enrollment of 17,000 students
- Richmond houses the residential campus, plus 3 regional campuses
- Approximately 51% of students come from Appalachia region, 56% female, 82% white, 97% receive financial aid, 50 % receive Pell grants
- Special populations include- approximately 1,700 veterans or active military, approx. 3,000 student parents, # first generation

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- ▶ 50+ Active Years
- ▶ A Community Action Agency
- ▶ Programs to Serve or Solve
- ▶ Developing community resources so that all persons may have lives of dignity, responsibility and opportunity.
- ▶ Self - Sufficiency is the primary GOAL.

Education Pays Program

- Kentucky Works Program (KWP) provides education, training, experience and employment to Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (KTAP) recipients (federal TANF).
- Eastern KY University received a state KWP grant in 1998. The program assists KWP participants towards self sufficiency by providing
 - ✓ academic support
 - ✓ career development
 - ✓ work experience



What EPC Does

- Academic Support
 - Full time academic counselor
 - Tutoring requirement
 - Mentoring requirement
 - Workshops/1:1 counseling
 - Private study space
 - Private computer lab
- Career Development
 - Resume writing
 - Interview skills
 - Career services





What EPC Does

- Work Experience
 - ✓ Work study positions
 - ✓ On and off campus placements
 - ✓ Paid employment meets KTAP requirement
 - ✓ Networking with potential employers

EPC Outcomes

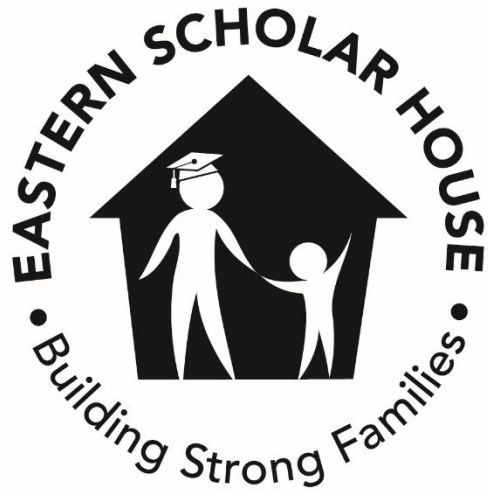
- Higher than university average retention rate- 93-100%
- Higher than university average GPA- 2.83
- 40-50 participants each academic year
- 5 year graduation rate
- In 2017-2018 academic year-
 - ✓ Fall 17'- 7 with GPA of 3.5 or higher
 - ✓ Spring 18'- 9 with GPA 3.5 or higher
 - ✓ 1- associate degree
 - ✓ 6 bachelor degrees
 - ✓ 1 master degree
- 20th year at ECU





What We Were Missing

- Decent and affordable housing
- Reliable, easily accessible, quality child care
- Reliable transportation between home, school, daycare



How it Happened -

- University - ECU
- Funders
 - ✓ KY Housing Corporation
 - ✓ FAHE
 - ✓ Ohio Capital Corporation
 - ✓ City of Richmond/Section 8





Eastern Scholar House

- ▶ KY Housing Guide
- ▶ Northern KY Scholar
- ▶ Family & One Parent Scholar
- ▶ Community Action Case Management
- ▶ Head Start

Had all the pieces just now in one place!

Eastern Scholar House Programming

- ▶ Monthly Parent Meetings
- ▶ Multicultural Night
- ▶ Child Abuse Awareness
- ▶ Drug Real Talk
- ▶ Budgeting
- ▶ Police And Fire
- ▶ Wellness
- ▶ Mental Health

- ▶ GIVE AWAYS!!



What Makes Partnerships Work

- ▶ No agency splitting
- ▶ Sharing of resources
- ▶ Effective communication
- ▶ Recognizing the expertise of others
- ▶ Build the relationship
- ▶ Monthly meetings
- ▶ Share the work load
- ▶ Collaborating on projects
- ▶ Inclusive spirit
- ▶ Get out of your silo





Eastern Kentucky University

Presentation TITLE

What Damages Partnerships

- ▶ Fighting over money
- ▶ After the same donors
- ▶ Poor commitment from parties
- ▶ Not being inclusive
- ▶ Big EGOS

Sharing - 17 Minutes

- ▶ Identify one successful partnership that worked
- ▶ What made this partnership work
- ▶ What would you like to accomplish and who do you need to partner with
- ▶ What would you identify as some of the potential problems with that partnership and how can you be prepared for them

Q and A

Ask the Experts -

Wait! Who are the Experts??

