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University Center of Lake County

First Generation College Outreach Program

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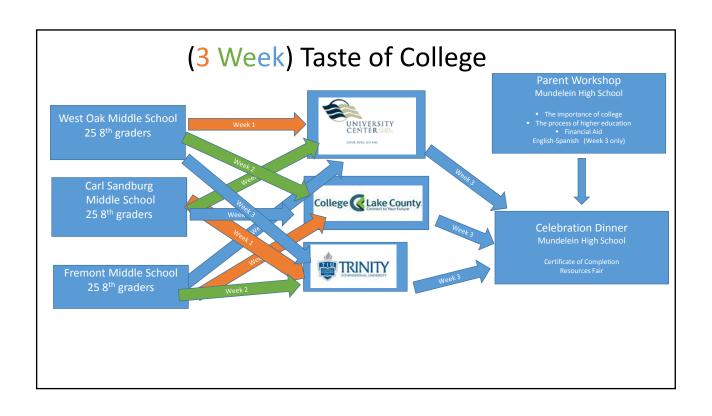
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Executive Summary

Strengthens the higher education pipeline through collaboration with many stakeholders: students, parents, community & business leaders, middle schools, high schools, and two- and four-year colleges.

Three Phases:

- Taste of College—plants the seed by bringing 8th graders to college and giving parents initial information about why college is important and how to prepare
- "Familias en Educacion" ("Families in Education") half-day workshop conducted in Spanish—introduces successful role models and empowers families to advocate for themselves
- 3. Lake County FAFSA Campaign—practical help in applying for financial aid





Familias en Educacion

May 21, 2016



- ½ day event in Spanish
- 10 partners planned event
- 45-60 attendees from 27 families
- 30 evaluations received; 28 rated it "very helpful"

Familias en Educacion



First generation college student panel





Latino professionals as speakers



Education & employment data as context to empower families



Financial aid information

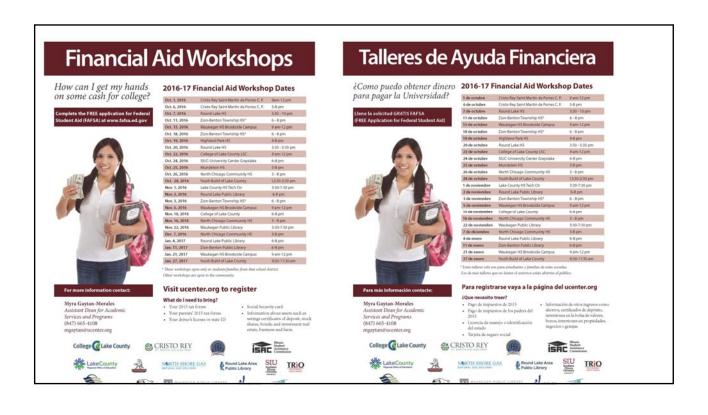


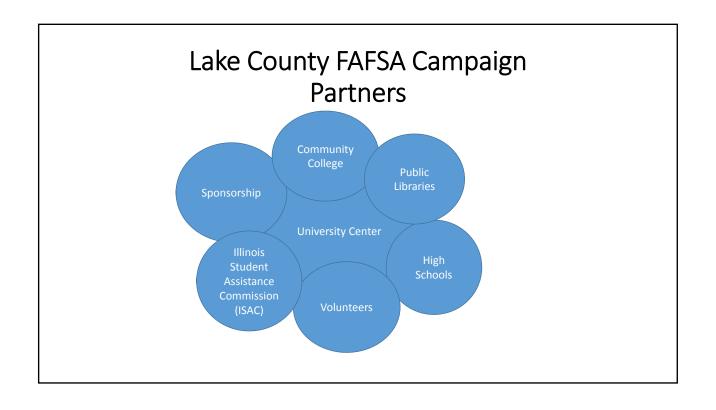
Resource fair demonstrated partner organizations are ready to support families

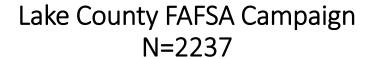
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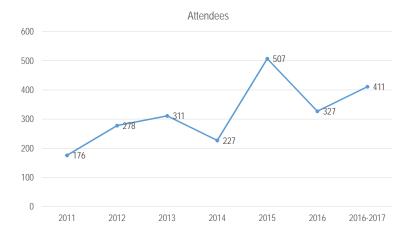
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion workshops

- Annual outreach initiative started by University Center & Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) in 2008.
- Provided to high school seniors and their parents or any returning adult who needs assistance in completing and filing the FAFSA.
- Held in computer labs across Lake County with ISAC-trained volunteers and at least one Spanish speaker at each event.
- Two cycles in 2016 totaling 46 workshops at 17 locations.









Summary

We believe that these types of outreach activities will send a clear message to families that they are not alone in their college journey and the University Center and its partners care about their success. The University Center is committed to serving its community, but we cannot do it alone and therefore we believe in collaboration and partnership. Working together and learning from the best practices we can make a difference in the lives of our community.



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