

# PEPSI

Parent  
Engagement  
Provides  
Student  
Involvement

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# Mission of our Project

- To increase parental involvement in the Upward Bound projects
- To assist low-income, first generation bound college students or at risk
- To provide the skills and motivation so students can graduate from high school and enroll and succeed

# Strengths of Parental Involvement

Extensive research has shown that parental involvement leads to:

- High student achievement
- High academic performance
- Better classroom behavior
- Benefiting children and parents alike

# Upward Bound Wants to Involve Parents : Opportunities

- *Training helps parents of disadvantaged children get involved*
- *Financial Literacy/Manage household budgets better*
- *Educational videos*
- *Staff communicates through text, pod cast, email, Facebook*

# Weaknesses of not having Parental Support

- High risk of failure
- High drop out rate
- Low GPA
- Low school attendance
- Lack of motivation
- Time constraints are the greatest barrier to parental involvement

# Threats to not having Parental Involvement

- Lack of job opportunities for the student
- Negative Peer Influence
- Lack of self-efficacy

# Staff Development to increase Parental Involvement

- Parental involvement workshops
- Mandatory parent/student orientation
- TRIO trainings and webinars relevant to project goals and objectives



# Assessment/Evaluation

- Formative: semester surveys on parental needs
- Summative: 90% of our parents will attend Upward Bound activities (academic and summer components)

# Resources

- Grace Chen, Parental involvement is Key to Student Success, March 2008
- Parent Involvement In High Schools by Barbara Sorensen, 2010
- Why Is Parent Involvement In School An Issue, Tricia Ballad 2011
- SAEOPP Priority 3 Training, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2012