



INCREASED  
Attendance  
Persistence in school  
Accrual of credits  
School completion rates



DECREASED  
Truancy  
Tardies  
Behavioral referrals  
Dropout rates

# CHECK & CONNECT

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# Check & Connect

- Check & Connect is a research-based intervention used with students who are disengaged from school and learning.
- The core of Check & Connect is a trusting relationship between the student and a caring, trained mentor (Graduation Coach). This mentor advocates for and challenges the student and also partners with the family, school, and community to keep education salient for the student.
- A structured mentoring intervention to promote student success and engagement at school and with learning through relationship building and systematic use of data (engagement program designed to help students find success and graduate)
  - We do this daily....
  - Data will track progress



# CHECK AND CONNECT

## EFFECTIVENESS RATINGS

- Institute of Education Sciences
  - Progressing in school - Improvement Index +30
  - Staying in School - Improvement Index +25
- US Dept. of Education –
  - Second rated drop-out prevention behind ALAS  
(Achievement for Latinos with Academic Success)
- National Dropout Prevention Center/Network
  - Strong Evidence of Effectiveness



# C & C DROPOUT PREVENTION STRATEGY

## CHECK

- Monitoring of School Performance
- Graduation Coaches
- Case Management
  - Contact with Students
  - Advocate
  - Life Skills/ Problem Solving



# Connect

## - Individual Attention to Students

- School Personnel
- Family Members
- Community Members



# Connect

## - Graduation Coaches

### ✓ Review Performance

- Attendance
- Behavior
- Academic

### ✓ Advocate

- Coordinates Services
- Provide Feedback & Encouragement
- Importance of Staying in School



# Check & Connect

- Mentors: “Graduation Coaches”
  - Volunteer work group
  - Work directly with caseload of individual students and their parents
  - Work as a liaison to facilitate communication and promote problem-solving
  - May refer students to appropriate community services.



# Check & Connect

- The referral form
  - Self explanatory
  - Used for tracking
  - Developed for simplicity







**Check and Connect Referral Form**  
*NevadaR-5 School District*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Referral: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person making the referral \_\_\_\_\_

Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

**Supporting Information**

# Days absent: \_\_\_\_\_ # Days tardy to class: \_\_\_\_\_ # Days suspended: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade (%) \_\_\_\_\_

**Check any behavioral issue that applies:**

- Aggression against Peers    Aggression against Authority Figures    Incomplete home work assignments  
 Incomplete classroom assignments  
 Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

**Check level of engagement in learning (e.g., participates in discussions, knows what is going on in class):**

- High Level of Engagement (always participate)    Medium Level of Engagement (some participation)  
 Low Level of Engagement (participate only when forced)    No Level of Engagement (In class, but no participation)

**Check any in-school services that apply:**

- IEP (state the disability or behavioral issue) \_\_\_\_\_    Tutoring  
 Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

**Check parent(s) level of involvement with student's education.**

- High    Medium    Low    Very Low

**Please list any additional information that would assist a mentor in helping this student:**

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- What do we need from our staff?
  - Buy-in
  - Most important: Support!

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