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PROJECT ABSTRACT

The proposed BUENO Center College Assistance Migrant Program (BUENO CAMP) will provide students of migrant seasonal farm working (MSFW) backgrounds an opportunity to successfully complete one year of study at partner community colleges across Colorado's Northern and Metro migrant regions. The project is a collaborative effort between the lead IHE, the University of Colorado Boulder BUENO Center and Front Range Community college, Aims Community College and Morgan Community College. In 2001, the BUENO Center combined their resources, faculty and staff to develop and implement a program geared at providing MSFWs the opportunity to attend a partner community college and ultimately transfer to a four-year IHE. A peer-reviewed, publish empirical research study on BUENO CAMP's programming has concluded that students in BUENO CAMP are more than twice as likely to complete a degree program than their peers at attending any community college in Colorado (Nieto & Garcia, 2021). BUENO CAMP will continue this model with the proposed program.

Building upon its established successful project design, the staff of the proposed program have developed the following, measurable objectives that have been developed to target the academic, social and financial needs of Colorado's MSFW students: 1). To provide outreach and identify 100 potential applicants and recruit 30 eligible MSFW students in need of CAMP services annually; 2). To provide 30 students with admissions, registration, academic support services, cultural, teambuilding and leadership activities annually; 3). To provide 30 students with personal, academic and career counseling services throughout their tenure in the program to meet OME GPRA Measure 1; 4). To provide 30 students with financial assistance and access to institutional, local, state, federal and private financial resources and; 5). To provide transition and follow-up services to promote student retention and graduation with the goal to meet OME GPRA Measure 2.

Backed by over 20 years of history of working with the Office of Migrant Education, BUENO CAMP will build upon proven program practices for the large population of MSFW students in the northern and metro regions of Colorado. A team of highly experienced and uniquely qualified staff are ready to implement these objectives and facilitate success for migrant seasonal farm worker students.