

ABSTRACT El Paso Community College (EPCC), located in El Paso, Texas, is proposing to continue to implement a very successful community-based CAMP.

Project objectives and activities: The project will have the following measurable objectives: 1) provide outreach and recruitment to at least 60 individuals; 2) provide orientation and transitional services to ensure no less than 40 individuals enroll at EPCC; 3) offer computer skills training and technical support; 4) provided tutoring/advising services; 5) provide STEM awareness and support; 6) provide comprehensive support services and financial resources; 7) provide access to cultural events and creative writing opportunities; 8) provide career counseling; and 9) assist 1st year completers to re-enroll in college for their second year.

The project will have a strong focus and encourage participants to explore STEM careers by offering workshops that provide career pathways in STEM and health occupations. Further, through close developed partnerships with multiple community organizations, the program aims to provide a variety of services that will lead to successful program completion.

Approximately ten different locations in El Paso's Upper and Lower Valley colonias will be used to deliver services. The instructional services will be provided at the five EPCC campuses located throughout El Paso County.

Project Outcomes: To meet the GPRA 1 target, the program will serve 40 participants and ensure that 86% of them complete their first college year. To meet GPRA 2, of those completing the first year of college, 92% will continue their post-secondary education.