

ABSTRACT

Valdosta State University (VSU) is a regional comprehensive university of the University System of Georgia located in Valdosta, Georgia.

As a new potential grantee (**Invitational Priority**), VSU will access other HEP programs to coordinate efforts in referring eligible students and sharing best practices to meet the social, emotional, and academic needs of migratory students, seasonal farmworkers, or immediate family members of such workers. Through the adoption and support of models leveraging technology and high-quality digital learning content as well as its application and tools, VSU will meet the **Invitational Priority** by addressing and fostering flexible and affordable paths to obtaining applicable knowledge and skills.

The VSU HEP program is comprised of two main objectives. The first objective is to enroll 50 participants each year in HEP and provide services and support to produce a 69% attainment rate in earning a GED (**GPRA 1**). The second objective is to obtain a minimum of 80% of completers enrolling in higher education, upgrading their employment, or joining the military (**GPRA 2**). To achieve these objectives, the following activities will be incorporated into the HEP program's Project Services: identify 50 HEP participants annually through bilingual presentations, academic counseling and tutoring, financial workshops and support, college and cultural events, and technology support. GED exams will be available in both Spanish and English at no cost to participants.

The HEP program will affect five districts in Georgia and Florida with the lead office located at VSU and a satellite office located in Washington County, Florida. As a follow-up, the program staff will provide continuous support to 100% of former HEP participants. The program staff will identify the former students' need of services and the academic progress of students on an annual basis. Program staff will utilize institutional resources and processes documented through the National Student Clearing House database.