LEARNING OBJECTIVES

• After viewing this webinar, you will be able to:
  • Discuss obstacles first-generation Latinx students face
  • Strategize ways to support first-generation Latinx students
  • Explain ways to engage Latinx families in the school system
1. Latinx families may not be aware of educational resources and need support advocating for their children.
2. Provide MTSS support to our Latinx students in the areas of academic, social-emotional, and college/career development.
3. Provide high communication with Latinx caregivers regarding presentations, workshops, college field trips, and other educational resources.

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SECTION I

Obstacles first-generation Latinx students face

POPULATION GROWTH

Source: Pew Research Center

2020
USA Population: 331.4 million
Hispanic Population: 62.1 million
CHAT DISCUSSION

• What has been your experience in supporting latinx students?

OBSTACLES FROM 1ST GEN. LATINX STUDENTS

• Families migrate to the USA for a better opportunity.
• Higher chance from disadvantaged backgrounds
  • Low Socioeconomic Status
  • Economic Stress
  • Longer Hours at work

Source: UnidosUS
OBSTACLES FROM 1ST GEN. LATINX STUDENTS

Systemic Discrimination

Language Barrier

Lack of Resources

- Latinx value the challenges of higher education.
- Lack of familial knowledge about education.
- Lack of guidance, advocacy, and support
  - Unaware of educational resources
  - Unaware of financial aid process
- Higher chance students may enroll disproportionately in institutions that

Source: UnidosUS
OBSTACLES FROM 1ST GEN. LATINX STUDENTS

Snapshot of Latino College Students

- The average Latino student is 25 years old.
- Seven out of every 10 Latino students are the first in their family to go to college (first-generation) compared to 48% of Whites.
- About two out of every five Latino students attend school exclusively part-time compared to three out of every 10 White students.
- About half of all Latino undergraduates are independent students, meaning they are older than 24, are married, have dependent children, or are a veteran.
- Thirty-two percent of Latino students work 40 hours or more a week.

Source: UnidosUS

SECTION 2
Supporting our Latinx Students
Supporting Our Latinx Students

Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs

MTSS (Multi-Tier System of Supports)

RTI
- Tier 3: Intensive
- Tier 2: Targeted Small Group
- Tier 1: Core Classroom

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- Tier 1: Core Classroom
STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT LATINX STUDENTS

1st Tier
• Academic
  • Classroom Instructions
    • Managing time
    • Building a study habit at home
    • Test Taking Tips
    • Building a growth mindset
    • Attendance

• Schoolwide Events
  • Read Across America Week | Test Taking Week

STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT LATINX STUDENTS

1st Tier
• Social Emotional
  • Classroom Instructions
    • Being Assertive
    • Feeling Confident
    • Problem Solving
    • Taking Responsibility

• Schoolwide Events
  • Kindness Week | Mental Health Week | Unity Day
STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT LATINX STUDENTS

1st Tier
• College and Career
  • Classroom Instructions
  • Career Interest Inventory
  • Learning about Post-Secondary Education
  • FAFSA Workshop
  • College Application Workshops
• Schoolwide Events
  • College & Career Week | College & Career Fair | College Field Trips

2nd Tier
• Academic
  • Reviewing Grades and Providing Resources
  • Category: ELs, Grades

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STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT LATINX STUDENTS

• 2nd Tier
• Social Emotional
  • Self-Esteem Groups
  • Being Assertive
  • Confidence
  • Problem Solving
  • Building Resilience

STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT LATINX STUDENTS

2nd Tier
• College and Career
  • College Club
    • Categories: ELs, Grades
    • Vocational Schools
    • Community College
    • 4-Year College
      • Private vs Public
    • Field Trips
  • FAFSA Workshops
STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT LATINX STUDENTS

3rd Tier
• Social-Emotional, Academic, and College/Career
• Consultation
• Collaboration
• Referrals

SECTION 3
Engage Latinx Families in our School System
CHAT DISCUSSION

• What has been your experience in supporting latinx families?

ENGAGING FAMILIES

Academic Involvement
• Provide classroom instruction handouts to parents.
  • Study Skills
  • Growth Mindset
  • Attendance

• Workshops
  • Graduation Requirements
  • Home Study Organization
  • School Resources
  • Attendance
Social-Emotional Involvement

- Provide classroom instruction handouts to parents.
  - Assertive
  - Problem Solving
  - Taking Responsibility

- Workshops
  - Supporting children with self-esteem
  - Peer Influences

College/Career Involvement

- Provide classroom instruction handouts to parents.
  - Vocational vs Community vs 4-year colleges
  - Financial Aid

- Workshops
  - Different types of Colleges
  - FAFSA
  - Careers

- Career Day
  - Caregiver volunteers
ENGAGING FAMILIES

- Community Resources
- Food Assistance
- Mental Health
- Health Care
- Housing
- Transportation
- Income
- Utility Assistance

Q&A
Questions and Final Thoughts
THANK YOU!

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