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GEAR UP TN		GEAR UP Tennessee provides direct services to middle and high schools and encourages all Tennessee students to enroll in higher education through statewide outreach that impacts student academic performance, high school graduation, postsecondary enrollment, and families' awareness of postsecondary options, preparation, and financing.	www.gearuptn.gov	School	Adolescents/Young Adults	If we provide comprehensive college access and success focused services (tutoring, mentoring, counseling, advising, outreach to parents, and assistance applying for college and financial aid), then there will be an increase in college enrollment among participants who graduate from a GEAR UP Tennessee (GUTN) high school.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Number of GEAR UP Tennessee (GUTN) students who receive services and the number of hours of services provided Number of GUTN parents who receive services and the number of hours of services provided Number and percent of students submitting a Tennessee Promise application Number and percent of students submitting a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Number of hours of professional development provided to GUTN educators 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the GEAR UP Tennessee (GUTN) cohort Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) filing rate Increase the GUTN cohort college-going rate Increase the GUTN cohort college persistence rate 	@college access programs	What Works for Health	https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/take-action-to-improve-health/what-works-for-health/strategies/collge-access-programs	Causal Evidence	[Plus] Positive Impact
Advise TN		Advise TN is a college advising and capacity-building program that partners with high schools and provides college advising services to high school junior and senior students across Tennessee.	www.tn.gov/the/bureaus/access-and-outreach/college-access/redirect-college-access-and-success/advise-tn.html	School	Adolescents/Young Adults	If we provide comprehensive college access and success focused services (counseling, advising, outreach to parents, and assistance applying for college and financial aid) to junior and senior students, then there will be an increase in college enrollment among students who graduate from an Advise TN partner high school.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Number of students at partner schools served Number of advisor interactions with students Number and percent of students submitting a Tennessee Promise application Number and percent of students submitting a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Number and percent of students submitting a college application 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) filing rate of Advise TN students Increase the college-going rate of Advise TN students 	College advising provided by counselors (for high school students)	WSIPP	https://www.wsip.wa.gov/BenefitCst/Program/687	Causal Evidence	[Plus] Positive Impact
Navigate Reconnect		Reconnect Navigators provide high-touch support to adult Tennesseans wishing to complete a postsecondary credential at a Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT), community college, or university. They help students navigate the application, financial aid, and enrollment processes and connect them to wraparound services before and during college.	https://tnreconnect.gov/	Home	Adults	If we allocate staff to provide high-touch support to adult learners through the student lifecycle, then adult learners will be better prepared to enroll and persist to graduation.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Number of Reconnectors served by Reconnect Navigators Number of Reconnectors served by Navigators who receive the Tennessee Reconnect grant Number of Reconnectors at each lifecycle stage (inquiry, pre-enrolled, enrolled, alumni) Number of Reconnectors by region 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Increase applications for the Reconnect grant Increase adult learner persistence Increase adult completion rates 				Outcomes	[Cycle] Prioritized for Evaluation
	Re-Entry Navigators	Reconnect Re-Entry Navigators support incarcerated and formerly incarcerated students in pursuing postsecondary credentials through helping students navigate the application, financial aid, and enrollment processes and connecting them to wraparound services before and during college.		Corrections	Adults	If we allocate staff to provide high touch support to adult learners who are justice-involved through the student lifecycle, then participants will be better prepared to enroll and persist to graduation.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Number of incarcerated individuals served by Reconnect Navigators Number of incarcerated individuals served by Navigators who receive the Tennessee Reconnect grant Number of Re-Entry Reconnectors at each lifecycle stage (inquiry, pre-enrolled, enrolled, alumni) Number of Re-Entry Reconnectors by region 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the number of incarcerated individuals served by Reconnect Navigators Increase the number of incarcerated individuals applying to postsecondary education programs with the assistance of Navigators Increase the number of formerly incarcerated students continuing to work with Navigators in the free world 				Outcomes	At Outcomes
Seamless Alignment and Integrated Learning Support (SAILS)		Seamless Alignment and Integrated Learning Support (SAILS) provides postsecondary math remediation in high school for students who have tested as not college ready on the ACT math (below a 19), allowing students to gain both high school math credit and complete necessary college learning support.	https://www.tn.gov/the/bureaus/academic-affairs-and-student-success/academic-programs/sails.html	School	Adolescents/Young Adults	If we allocate funds to provide math remediation to high school students, then students will enter postsecondary better prepared, resulting in greater success in postsecondary gateway math courses for college credit.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Number of SAILS completers who fulfill the need for learning support in college while in high school Number of SAILS completers who earn a 4th year high school math credit while addressing college remediation needs Number of SAILS completers who begin community college or TCATs in credit bearing math courses without the need for learning support 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Decrease the time SAILS students spend attending learning support courses in college Decrease the overall cost of college for SAILS completers by decreasing coursework needed to be completed in college 				[Pending Panel Review]	

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Governor's Investment in Vocational Education (GIVE)		The Governor's Investment in Vocational Education (GIVE) is designed to foster long-term regional partnerships between Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology (TCATs), community colleges, industry, economic development/workforce agencies, and K-12 to identify and address "skills gaps" in local workforce pools. The GIVE program facilitates the alignment of local workforce and education partners through a competitive grant process.	https://www.tn.gov/the/bureaus/legal-and-external-affairs/redirect-legal-and-external-affairs/give-program.html	School	Adolescents/Young Adults, Adults	If we grant funds for industry-quality equipment, early postsecondary opportunities, recognized industry certifications, and quality work-based learning experiences, then education institutions will address skills gaps in local workforce pools by providing training that meets industry need.	1. Number of industry certifications earned by students in Governor's Investment in Vocational Education (GIVE)-funded programs 2. Number of students enrolled in GIVE-funded programs 3. Number of quality work-based learning experiences provided in GIVE-funded programs 4. Number of postsecondary credentials earned by students in GIVE-funded programs	1. Increase the college going rate in distressed and at-risk counties participating in GIVE 2. Increase credentials (postsecondary and industry-recognized certifications) earned in distressed and at-risk counties participating in GIVE 3. Increase the number of qualified workers to address skills gaps in high-demand industries	Adult Vocational Training	What Works for Health	https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/take-action-to-improve-health/what-works-for-health/strategies/adult-vocational-training	Causal Evidence	[Plus] Positive Impact
Supporting Postsecondary Access in Rural Communities (SPARC)		The Supporting Postsecondary Access in Rural Communities (SPARC) initiative engages local constituencies and education stakeholders in identified distressed and at-risk counties in an effort to bridge, if not resolve, three identified obstacles: infrastructure need, geographic access to higher education, and unmet need for additional career & technical education (CTE) dual enrollment opportunities.	N/A	School	Adolescents/Young Adults	If we grant funds to address and resolve infrastructure need, geographic access to higher education, and unmet need for additional career & technical education (CTE) dual enrollment opportunities, then higher education access and attainment in distressed and at-risk counties and the number of Tennesseans trained for high-demand fields will increase.	1. Number of industry certifications earned by students in SPARC-funded programs 2. Number of students enrolled in higher education from distressed and at-risk counties participating in SPARC 3. Number of early postsecondary credits (hours) earned by students in distressed and at-risk counties participating in SPARC	Increase the college-going rate in distressed and at-risk counties participating in SPARC	Career & Technical Education for High School Completion	What Works for Health	https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/take-action-to-improve-health/what-works-for-career-technical-education-for-high-school-completion	Causal Evidence	[Plus] Positive Impact
Veteran Reconnect Grant		The Veteran Reconnect Grant program works to accelerate the success of student veterans already enrolled on Tennessee campuses and create favorable conditions to recruit new student veterans. This program provides funding through grants focused on research and initiatives that would improve the success of student veterans while enhancing training for faculty and staff who work with the military community.	https://www.tn.gov/the/f-or-institutions/grant-programs-for-institutions/veteran-reconnect-grant.html	School	Adults	If we grant funds to public and private higher education institutions for focusing on transitioning veteran students from military service through Tennessee higher education, then more military-connected students will obtain credentials.	1. Number of student veterans graduating with credentials from Tennessee public and non-public institutions 2. Number of student veterans enrolled full-time in a higher education program 3. Number of military-connected students in a higher education program	1. Increase military-connected student enrollment in higher education institutions 2. Increase credentials earned by military-connected students				Outcomes	At Outcomes
Tennessee Student Assistance Award		The Tennessee Student Assistance Award Program (TSAA) was established to provide non-repayable financial assistance to undergraduate students with the greatest financial need who are residents of Tennessee. Applicants must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment, at least half time, at a public or an eligible non-public postsecondary institution in Tennessee.	https://www.tn.gov/college/epays/money-for-college/grant-programs/tennessee-student-assistance-award.html	School	Adolescents/Young Adults	If we provide additional financial assistance to Tennessee students with the most financial need, then more of these students will attend a postsecondary institution, complete a degree, and accumulate lower loan debt.	1. Number of low-income students (using Pell Eligibility) attending college 2. Number of low-income students (using Pell Eligibility) attending college full-time 3. Number of degrees conferred for low-income students (using Pell Eligibility)	1. Increase the number of low-income students (using Pell Eligibility) attending college 2. Increase the number of low-income students (using Pell Eligibility) attending college full-time 3. Increase the number of degrees conferred for low-income students (using Pell Eligibility)	Need-based grants (for high school students and graduates)	WSIPP	http://www.wsiipp.wa.gov/BenefitCos/Program/788	Causal Evidence	[Plus] Positive Impact
Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship--HOPE		The Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship (TELS) HOPE program aims to address academic achievement in high school through scholarship incentive, provide financial assistance as a means of promoting access to higher education, retain the state's "best and brightest" students in Tennessee colleges and universities, and enhance and promote economic and community development through workforce training. HOPE and its supporting awards (General Assembly Merit Scholarship, Aspire, and Access) are merit-based awards to students within 16 months of high school graduation.	https://www.tn.gov/college/epays/money-for-college/tn-education-lottery-programs.html	School	Adolescents/Young Adults	If we express the value and importance of obtaining a postsecondary credential through the accessibility and awarding of supplemental lottery-funded financial aid programs to high school students, then college access and attainment will increase while helping to retain students as citizens of Tennessee.	1. Number of scholarships awarded (by type) 2. Number of degrees conferred to HOPE scholarship recipients 3. Number of high school graduates retained in Tennessee for college	1. Increase college enrollment among high school graduates 2. Increase degrees conferred	Merit aid (for high school students)	WSIPP	http://www.wsiipp.wa.gov/BenefitCos/Program/700	Causal Evidence	[Plus] Positive Impact
Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship--All Other Programs		The Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship (TELS), other programs (including Wilder-Naifeh, Helping Heroes, and STEP UP), provide financial assistance as a means of promoting access to higher education and enhance and promote economic and community development through workforce training. These scholarships and grants primarily are not merit-based and support both young adult and adult students.	https://www.tn.gov/college/epays/money-for-college/tn-education-lottery-programs.html	School	Adolescents/Young Adults, Adults	If we express the value and importance of obtaining a postsecondary credential through the accessibility and awarding of supplemental lottery-funded financial aid programs to students with targeted needs, then college access and attainment will increase while helping to retain students as citizens of Tennessee.	1. Number of scholarships awarded (by type) 2. Number of degrees conferred to scholarship recipients 3. Number of courses taken via dual enrollment	1. Increase college participation among adult students 2. Increase dual enrollment participation among high school students				Outcomes	At Outcomes

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Ned McWherter Scholars Program		The Ned McWherter Scholars Program, a scholarship, is intended to encourage academically superior Tennessee high school graduates to attend college in Tennessee. Tennessee high school seniors starting their last semester in high school may apply.	https://www.tn.gov/collegepays/money-for-college/state-of-tennessee-programs/ned-mcwherter-scholars-program.html	School	Adolescents/Young Adults	If we partner with institutions across the state to provide additional financial assistance to high school seniors with the highest academic standing, then the best and brightest in the state will stay for college attendance and beyond to benefit our communities.	1. Number of high-performing high school seniors converted to college freshman attending a Tennessee college 2. Number of degrees awarded to scholarship recipients 3. Number of recipients remaining in Tennessee to enter the workforce	1. Increase the attendance of high-performing students at Tennessee higher education institutions 2. Increase the job placement of high-performing students in Tennessee communities	Merit aid (for high school students)	WSIPP	http://www.wsiipp.wa.gov/BenefitCost/Program/700	Causal Evidence	[Plus] Positive Impact
Tennessee Promise		Tennessee Promise is both a scholarship and mentoring program focused on increasing the number of Tennessee students that attend college. It provides students a last-dollar scholarship that covers the cost of tuition and mandatory fees not covered by the Pell grant, the HOPE scholarship, or the Tennessee Student Assistance Award. Students may use the scholarship at any of the state's 13 community colleges, 27 colleges of applied technology, or other eligible institution offering an associate degree program.	https://www.tn.gov/tnpromise.html	School	Adolescents/Young Adults	If we engage students about the importance of college and resource availability through focused outreach and support, then the college going rate will increase, resulting in an increased degree attainment rate.	1. Number of Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completions for Tennessee seniors 2. Number of students enrolled in Tennessee Promise 3. Number of degrees conferred to Tennessee Promise students 4. Number of students who transferred upward to another postsecondary institution 5. Number of community service hours completed by Tennessee Promise students	1. Increase college attainment (at least a certificate) 2. Increase the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) filing rate 3. Increase the college-going rate					[Pending Panel Review]
Tennessee Reconnect		The Tennessee Reconnect Grant is available for eligible adults who want to pursue an associate degree, technical degree, or technical diploma at a Tennessee community college or technical college. The grant pays the remaining balance of tuition and mandatory fees after other state and federal financial aid have been applied. The Tennessee Reconnect Grant can also be used at an eligible public or private college or university towards an eligible associate degree, but it is not a last-dollar grant in that case.	https://tnreconnect.gov/Tennessee-Reconnect-Grant	School	Adults	If we engage Tennessee Reconnect-eligible adults about the importance of college and resource availability through focused outreach and support, then college enrollment of adult learners will increase, resulting in an increased degree attainment rate for adult learners.	1. Number of Tennessee Reconnect applications 2. Number of students enrolled in Tennessee Reconnect 3. Number of degrees conferred to Tennessee Reconnect students 4. Number of Tennessee Reconnect students who transferred upward to another postsecondary institution	1. Increase the adult learner enrollment rate 2. Increase degree conferral to adult learners					[Pending Panel Review]
Diversity in Teaching		The Diversity in Teaching (DIT) program grant competitively funds two-year proposals from regionally accredited colleges and universities in Tennessee, with the goals to develop programs with a commitment to diversity as an instructional tool, and to increase the number of K-12 teachers in Tennessee from underrepresented groups. Grant funds are utilized for student supports, such as tuition, licensure fees, and certain instructional materials.	https://www.tn.gov/thec/bureaus/academic-affairs-and-student-success/academic-programs/diversity-in-teaching-grants.html	School	Adolescents/Young Adults, Adults	If we grant funds for tuition and licensure for teaching candidates attending approved programs, then more educators will achieve licensure who are committed to using diversity as an instructional tool.	1. Number of licensed educators graduating from diversity grant-funded programs 2. Number of licensed educators who graduated from diversity grant-funded programs and teach in Tennessee schools for at least one year	Increase the number of educators graduating from educator preparation programs with a commitment to using diversity as an instructional tool				Outcomes	At Outcomes
Contract Education		The Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC), on behalf of the State of Tennessee, partners with private colleges and universities to provide student financial aid funding through Contract Education Grants to support student access to academic programs at private colleges that are limited or do not exist at public colleges.	N/A	School	Adults	If we grant funds that support students to access and attend programs at private universities in specialized areas, then students will remain in Tennessee to learn and join the workforce.	1. Number of students placed in programs not widely provided at public universities 2. Dollars granted in support of student placements 3. Number of students who completed their program placement	No outcomes available				Outputs	[Cone] Working Toward Outcomes