

SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE

*Programs & Services for Women &
Non-Traditional Students*

WOMEN'S CENTER • SEGUIR ADELANTE COMMUNITY CENTER • MI CASA CENTER

BUILDING QUALITY SCHOOL & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS...

One Partner at A Time

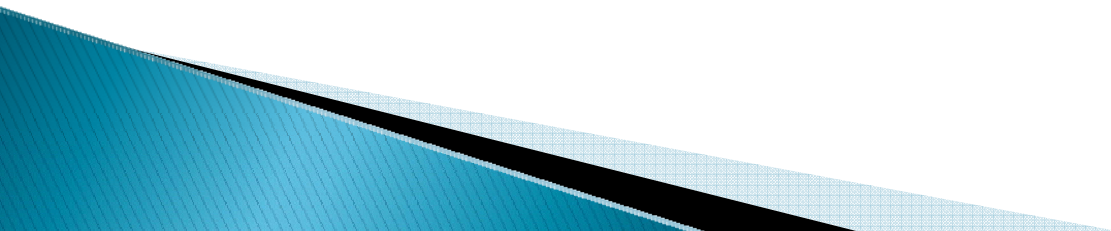
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Workshop Objectives:

- To Describe the Key Components of Effective Partnerships
 - To Share Three Steps for Building Supportive Partnerships
 - To Share Information on Utilizing Quality Partnerships to Enhance Services
 - To Provide you with the Opportunity to Reflect on Your own Partnerships
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Our mission is to provide comprehensive, quality supportive services to assist women, in particular, re-entry women, displaced homemakers, single parents and other at-risk non-traditional students reach their personal, educational and career goals.



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Women's Center Services



Academic Advisement
Case Management
Childcare Referrals & Scholarships
Community Referrals
Counseling/ Crisis Intervention

Leadership Development Programs
Parenting Programs
Textbook Lending Library
Transportation Assistance



Seguir Adelante Community Center Services



Basic Skills Upgrading
College Preparation
Workforce Development
Supportive Services



Mi CASA (Career Advancement & Self-Sufficiency Assistance) Program Services



Career Enhancement & Exploration
Financial Literacy
Homebuyer Education
Mentoring Program
Social Services Eligibility Screening



Community Outreach

LULAC Parent Child Scholarship Program



Women Empowered Conference



Accomplishments & Recognition



Women's Center
20th Anniversary Celebration 2001
Ann Richard's Endowed Scholarship
Established endowed scholarship
for women

Women's Center
25th Anniversary Celebration 2006
featuring Gloria Steinem



Accomplishments & Recognition



Women's Center
LULAC Parent/Child Program
Recipient of the 2007
STAR Award, Texas Higher
Education Coordinating Board

Seguir Adelante
CONNECTIONS Training &
Employment Program
Recipient of the Alamo Workforce
"Excellence In Innovation" Award



Accomplishments & Recognition



Women's Center

Recipient of the 2006 Model Program Award
American Association of Women
in Community Colleges (AAWCC)

Partnerships

Community

- City Of San Antonio
- LULAC –Council #2
- Network Power, Texas
- Center for Health Services, Austin Texas
- Randolph Brooks Credit Union
- San Antonio Food Bank
- San Antonio Housing Authority
- San Antonio Alternative Housing Corporation
- Salvation Army
- Parent Child Incorporated
- AVANCE
- United Way
- Local Schools
- Texas WorkSource

Campus

- ACCD Foundation
- SAC Assessment Center
- SAC Cont. Education
- SAC Financial Aid
- SAC Academic Departments



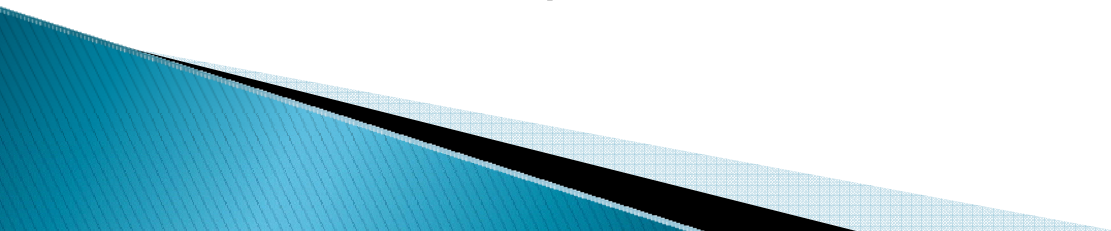
Key Components of Quality Partnerships

- Communication
- Reciprocity
- Shared Vision
- Collaboration



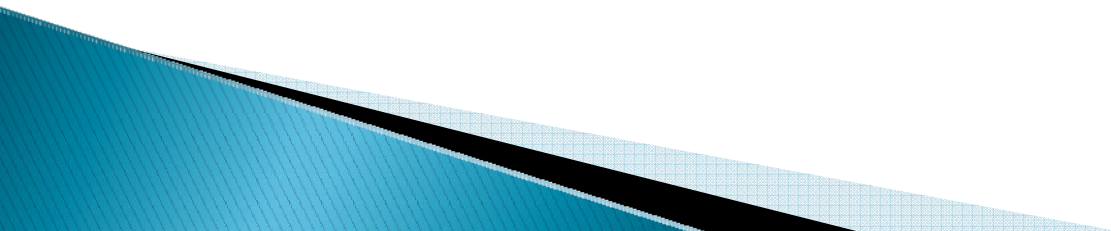
Building Quality Partnerships

1) Begin by offering quality programs

- Establish a vision
 - Assess community needs & provide services
 - Follow-through
 - Involve program participants
 - Build a quality team
 - Create outreach infrastructure
 - Continuously monitor outcomes
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Reflection

After reviewing the characteristics of quality programs, which area do you feel your program rates the strongest and which area might you need to improve?



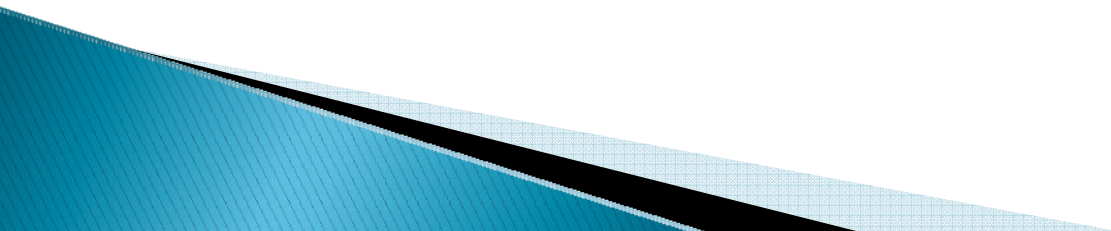
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2) Expand Partnerships through Creative Fund Development

- HUD
- State & City Funding
- College or University Private Foundations
- Other Private Foundations
- United Way of San Antonio
- Cultivate your particular “special interest groups”

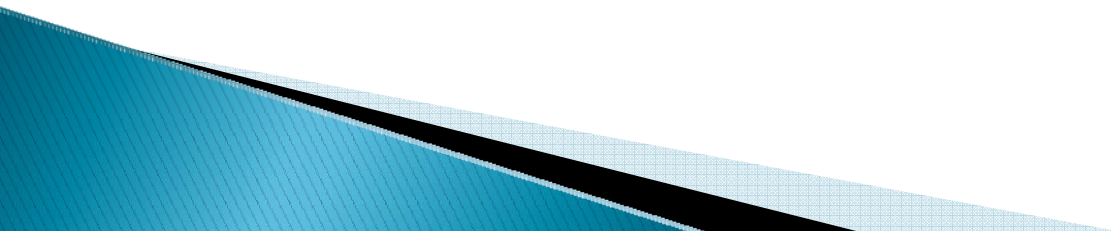


Building Quality Partnerships

- Case Study One: WE – Women Empowered Outreach & Recruitment Conference
 - Case Study Two: LULAC Parent Child/Scholarship Program
 - Case Study Three: Community College Scholars Program
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Reflection

What might you take from the description of our program case studies that you may be able to apply to enhance your current partnerships?



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3) Maintain positive working relationships with all community partners and funding sources:

- Monthly Calendar of Events
- Community Resource Fair
- Work with City Council Representatives
- Utilize partner's website to post information on your program



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Maintain positive working relationships with all community partners and funding sources:

- Maintain accurate up-to-date reports & records

End of year report

Track data on target populations

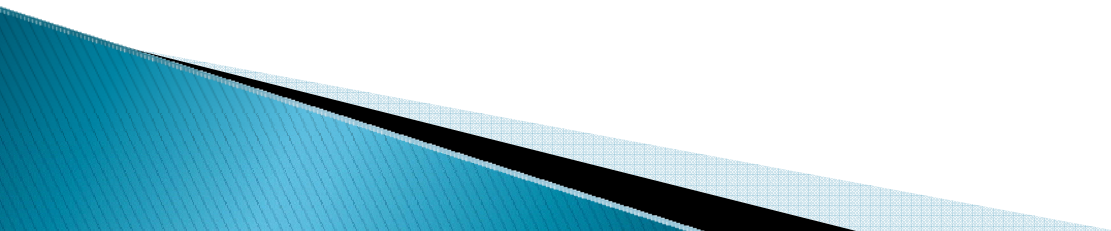
Match funds

Program evaluations



Building Quality Partnerships

Conclusions/Lessons Learned:

- Word of mouth will make or break your program
 - Monitor needs of your community/target populations
 - Be patient
 - Be flexible
 - Have staff that can relate to your target population
 - Publicize your successes
 - Expose yourself to other models & best practice opportunities
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Achieving the Dream

