



FUTURO OFFERS

The following types of activities are part of the FUTURO program:

- Academic Support –Tutoring in Math, English, writing/composition and/or ESL on a weekly basis. Academic support also includes assistance with college applications, enrollment and financial aid forms.
- Mentoring Services – frequent contact between mentors and FUTURO students to track progress and plan activities.
- Personal Development – Sessions delivered during monthly meetings for FUTURO students in subjects such as time-management, career planning, and cultural identity.
- Social Support – Regular engagement with other FUTURO students and the community through events and programs that foster a sense of pride in Latino heritage and obligation to serve the community.

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FUTURO Mentoring Program

FUTURO is a new youth mentoring program for Trenton high school students in their rising senior year who are immigrants or children of first generation immigrants and the first in their family to pursue post-secondary education.

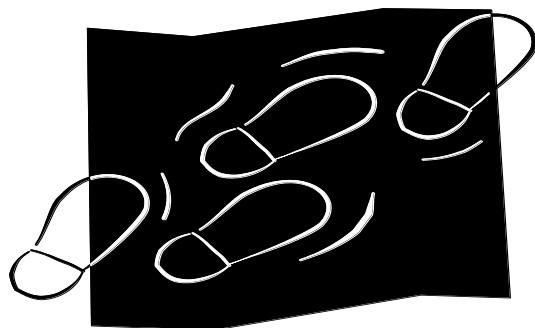


Invest in Your Future;
Join FUTURO!

Major Goal and Objectives:

The major goal of this program is to provide direct one-on-one individual and group mentoring services to underserved youth minority populations to help them achieve their post secondary educational goals and foster positive mentor relationships that can reduce juvenile high risk behavior. The objectives of the FUTURO mentoring program are to:

- Support in improving the academic performance of our students
- Encourage positive interpersonal relationships between students, their peers, teachers, other adults, and family members
- Guide students through high school graduation, thus reducing the high school dropout rate of minority students
- Assist and mentor students in transitioning from high school to their chosen post-secondary course of study by facilitating the process of school selection and application, seeking financial aid, SAT and placement test-taking, and course enrollment. FUTURO students will continue to be supported through their first year of post-secondary studies and beyond.



We will be on your side to help you make sound decisions about your career and educational choices

Description

FUTURO will support the students' transition from high school into their chosen post-secondary education program with the resources identified in each student's individual education plan. It is anticipated that most of the students will continue their education at Mercer County Community College, or a local four-year college or vocational school.

Student Profile/Mentee

Students enrolling in FUTURO should meet the following criteria:

- Be in their senior year in High School
- Be foreign-born, or a child of immigrants and first in their family to pursue post-secondary education
- Seek enrollment in a post-secondary education program (academic or vocational) in the Central New Jersey area
- Willing to make at least a two-year commitment to the program (can be extended)
- Provide at least two references from teachers, counselors or community leaders

Enrollment in FUTURO

To be considered for enrollment in FUTURO, students must submit an application and an essay to the FUTURO Selection Committee. Once accepted into the program, students commit to attend all FUTURO events, check-in with program staff on a weekly basis, attend weekly tutoring sessions, make an honest effort to attain good grades, remain enrolled in their chosen course of study, and report on their grades and academic progress.

Mentor Profile

FUTURO mentors should meet the following criteria:

- Be 25 years old or older
- Willing to make at least a two-year commitment to the program and fulfill the following requirements: undergo training and ongoing coaching, participate as presenters/facilitators at monthly activities, be willing to engage in "shadowing" opportunities with mentee, and adhere to FUTURO's Code of Conduct
- Academically/professionally successful
- Have overcome significant odds and challenges in life
- Sensitive to, and able to transcend socio-economic and cultural differences
- Have a demonstrated track record of prior leadership roles and understand the importance of validating, encouraging and reinforcing success in others
- Have an ability to stay within defined role boundaries

Bilingual English/Spanish preferred



Tutor Profile

FUTURO tutors should meet the following criteria:

- Have completed at least two years in college.
- Academically successful: 3.0 GPA minimum
- Willing to commit a minimum of 2 hours of tutoring a week (plus travel time)
- Able to tutor in one or more of the following four topics: Math, Language Arts, Science, and/or ESL
- Bilingual Spanish/English a plus
- Resume with three references required, unless already screened by another existing program at TCHS