

Accountability, Program Evaluation, and the Casey Family Programs' Framework for Program Enhancement: A Trio of Sustainability Factors

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Frontier Program

- Mission-To create a retention mechanism and support strategies to increase the retention of students who aged out of foster care at TWU.



Goals:

- To ensure students have their own voice and know they are heard
- To remove obstacles with cross-campus collaboration
- Provide a trusted point of contact on-campus



Services

- Tutoring
- Mentoring
- Monthly Activities including foci on healthy relationships
- Book Stipends
- Access To Technology
- Holiday Break Housing
- Navigating Resources



Program Evaluation

Why Program Evaluation?

Benefits

- Breadth of Experience
- Objectivity
- Expertise and Credibility



Casey Family Programs' Framework for Program Enhancement

- 12 Core program elements
 - 6 elements for program development
 - 3 elements for direct student support
 - 3 additional elements for direct student support

<https://www.casey.org/media/SupportingSuccess.pdf>

Evaluation of Frontier Program

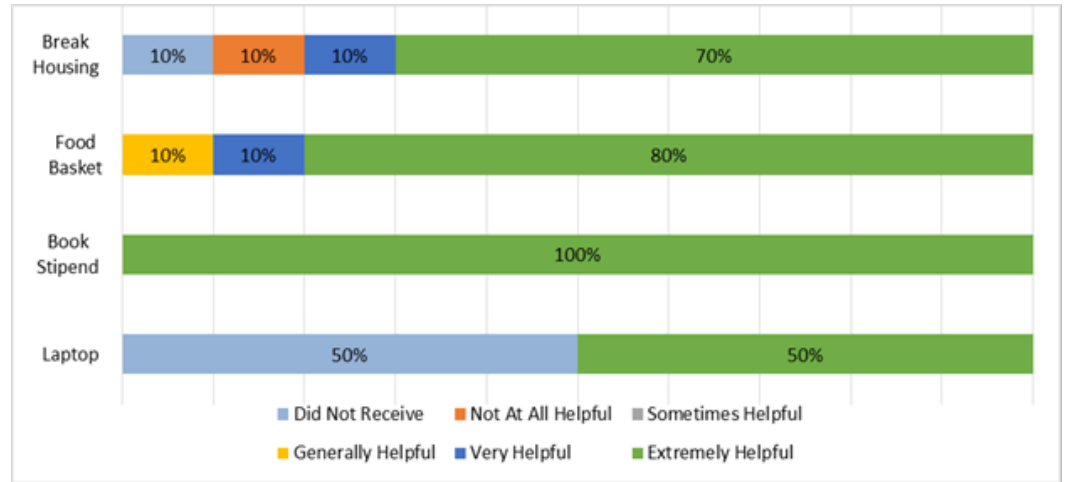
- Direct student support elements

- Financial aid

- Academics

- Career services

- Counseling services



- Usefulness of Laptop
 - Contributing to productivity
 - Providing convenience
- Comments Helpful to the Program
 - Enhancement of activities
 - Functions like a family

Program development elements: Partnerships & Champions

- **Internal:**
 - High-level senior administration support
 - Advisory committees
 - Student engagement: mentoring, internships, employment, celebrations





- **External:**
 - Local Business
 - Organizations (SIL providers, PALS, school districts)
 - Individuals
 - Corporations & Non-profits
 - Churches
 - Alumni
 - Policy makers

Current Opportunities and Challenges

- Improving identification of students
- Increasing engagement & community building
- Expanding collaborations with intentional programming:
financial wellness, major exploration, career
development
- Filling the funding gaps
- Sustained engagement



Thank you!



Questions?