

**U-N-I TEACHING YOUTH
PROJECT ACHIEVE©-STAY IN SCHOOL**

Students to be served: Middle and High School Age Students

Summary of Proposed Program/Initiative: Project Achieve is a holistic approach that seeks to address Attendance, Attitude, and Academics: three primary factors that affect a youth's decision to complete his or her secondary education and obtaining a vocation and or education beyond high school. Young people whose self-concept has undergone a fundamental change must be given concrete opportunities to change their actual conditions of life. Otherwise, they can only exhaust and demoralize themselves in isolated acts of adventurism or in symbolic acts of defiance or escapism. (school drop outs, teen pregnancy, drugs, etc.) Programs need to be developed that will educate young people with:

- (a) the principles, conceptual ability, knowledge and experiences necessary to make socially responsible decisions;
- (b) technical skills needed to carry out these decisions.

The Achieve Program will provide students with knowledge and skills to become successful, self-reliant, and community oriented adults. The program has Four Primary Components: Attendance and Academics, Socialization, Parental Involvement and Post Secondary (Higher) Education Counseling. Project Achieve is a blend of Academe and Social Development that will help bridge the dis-connect between educators and students; will inspire students interest and ownership of the learning process. Strategies will be used to nurture success of difficult to reach students, to relate curricula to student's world and bring instructions to life.

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