



iPOR VIDA!

A program of One Community Action

SMJUHSD Board Presentation

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OCA

Vision

Mission

Vision:

One Community Action envisions a vibrant community, safe from violence, with culturally competent institutions supporting equity and access for all.

Mission:

Rooted in the concept of “Por Vida -- For Life,” OCA is a sentinel & advocate, confronting the systemic inequities and violence that must be transformed for a safe and inclusive community, through:

Youth Development
Community Organizing
Advocacy

Priority Areas of Work:

Por Vida youth development
Restorative justice, reentry & alternatives to violence
Family & community support, grief groups, victim advocacy

OCA Team



- **Rebekah Spicuglia, Executive Director**
- **Abel Salvador Flores, Deputy Director**
- **Esmeralda García, Program Manager for Cultural Proficiency & Community Healing**
- **Josie Suarez, Youth & Family Navigator**
- **Chasity Lavata'i, Case Manager Specialist**
- **Jazlyn Navarro, Case Manager Specialist**
- **Diego Cardenas Garcia, Case Manager Specialist**
- **Zander Calderon, Juvenile Justice Coordinator**

Training & Certifications include:

- **Cultural Proficiency**
- **Evidence-based, culturally responsive curriculum (Joven Noble, Girasol, Cara y Corazón)**
- **Psychological First Aid (PFA)**
- **What is Love? Healthy Relationships**
- **Motivational Interviewing**
- **Mandated Reporter**
- **LGBTQ**

Por Vida 2022-23 Graduating Seniors FELICIDADES!!



- Abil Chavez Cervantes, PVHS
- Alan Rodriguez Bautista, PVHS
- Amily Camacho, PVHS
- Arlette Delgado, ERHS
- Brenda Rangel, PVHS
- Casper Vivar, PVHS
- Clarissa "Chris" Urrutia, DHS
- Denise Sosa, SMHS
- Edgar Lopez Lucas, DHS
- Elena Piñon, ERHS
- Enistacia Dolores, DHS
- Estefania Bucio, DHS
- Fatima Corona, DHS
- Fernanda Ambriz, PVHS
- Fernanda Martinez, SMHS
- Gladis Suarez Rodriguez, ERHS
- Inez Torres, SMHS
- Isabella Galassi, ERHS
- Jacqueline Arroyo Maldonado, ERHS
- Jacqueline Ramirez, ERHS
- Jasmine Dominguez Sanchez, DHS
- Jesus Salinas, DHS
- Jimena Lopez, DHS
- Joselin Vargas, PVHS
- Kim Pena, DHS
- Kimberly Elorza, DHS
- Leslie Lemus, DHS
- Leticia Maldonado, ERHS
- Liliana Galicia, SMHS
- Lisbeth Tovar Ramirez, DHS
- Lissett Martinez, DHS
- Mathew Houston, PVHS
- Mauro Bonal Diaz, PVHS
- Mia Cordova, PVHS
- Nataly Armenta, DHS
- Norma Morales, SMHS
- Raymundo Jimenez, DHS
- Rosalba Pineda Morelos, PVHS
- Skylit Martinez, DHS
- Valeria Ambriz, PVHS



POR VIDA

Positive
Outcomes
Respect
Valor
Identity
Diploma
Achievement

Overview:

Por Vida is a **culturally responsive youth development and family support program** supporting student wellbeing and academic achievement. Por Vida provides wraparound services, eliminates barriers to access, and coordinates available resources for improvement in:

- Socio-emotional well-being, cultural pride, sense of belonging
- School attendance & GPAs
- Graduation rates
- Goal-Setting & college-readiness
- Accessing therapy, tutoring, other services

Primary Services:

- Individual Case Management, with Parent/Caregiver Engagement
- Weekly Student & Family Support Groups
- Mentoring & Referrals (with warm handoffs)

Activities:

Field Trips, Alumni Events, Career/College Support

At the Por Vida Awards, we....



Achieved



Celebrated



Supported

Por Vida Referral Process

1. **REFERRAL – Counselors refer students to Por Vida**
 - a. Students in need of academic support, socio-emotional well-being, behavioral issues, attendance, culturally competent services
 - b. Students report learning about Por Vida through parent/guardian (5%), SMJUHSD staff - counselor/dean/teacher (44%), Por Vida staff (35%), their friends (25%)
 - c. Students & Parents/Caregivers may inquire with Counselors for referrals

2. **POR VIDA case managers follow-up on referrals**
 - a. Schedule meeting with student to discuss program
 - b. Assess Tier support needed & whether program is a fit
 - c. Confirm student interest as Por Vida is voluntary (approx 70% referred join the program)

3. **STUDENT & FAMILY COMMITMENT:**
 - a. Upon joining program, intakes are scheduled with students & parents/caregivers
 - b. Regular engagement begins with weekly case management meetings & groups

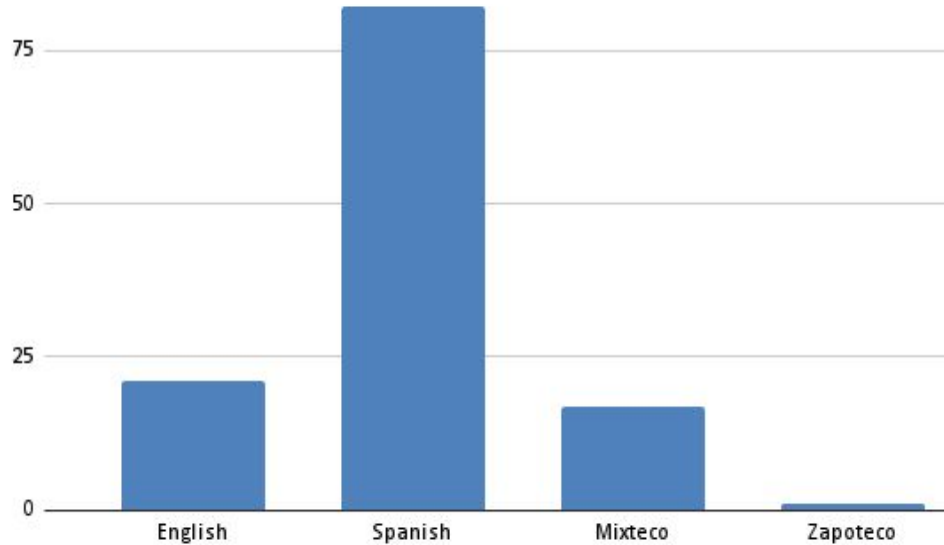
Program Tracking & Evaluation Methods

- 1. Monitoring Aeries Data**
 - a. Grades, attendance, GPA, credit completion, A-C, etc.
- 2. Goal-setting with students**
 - a. Track completion of short term goals
- 3. Surveys & Focus Groups**
 - a. Program Participants - intake/exit
 - b. Parents/caregivers
 - c. SMJUHSD staff
 - d. Special event surveys
- 4. Testimonials**
- 5. Performance Reviews**
- 6. Program Evaluation Consultant**

Por Vida Students

Race, Ethnicity, Country of Origin

Language Spoken at Home



Race & Ethnicity

93% Latino/Hispanic, as well as a significant Indigenous community

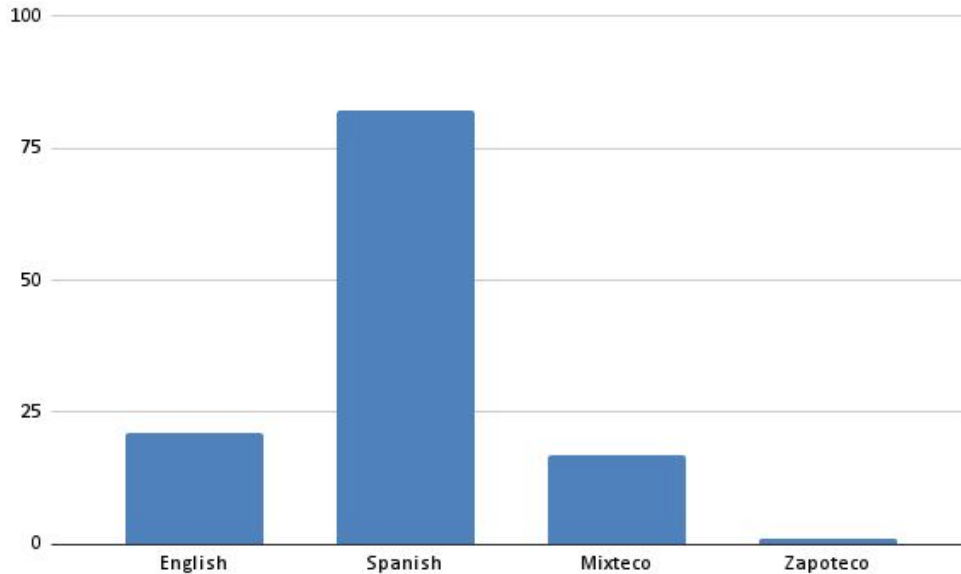
Country of Origin

Most U.S. born, some from Mexico & El Salvador

Housing scarcity / overcrowding 36%

Language justice is critical for meaningful engagement

Language Spoken at Home



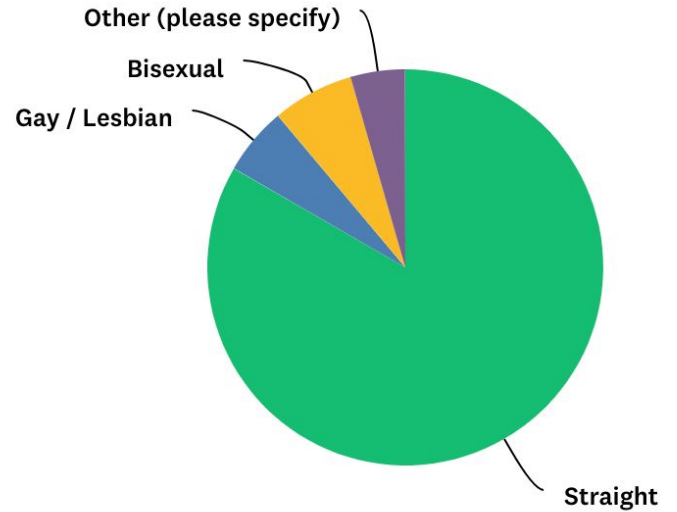
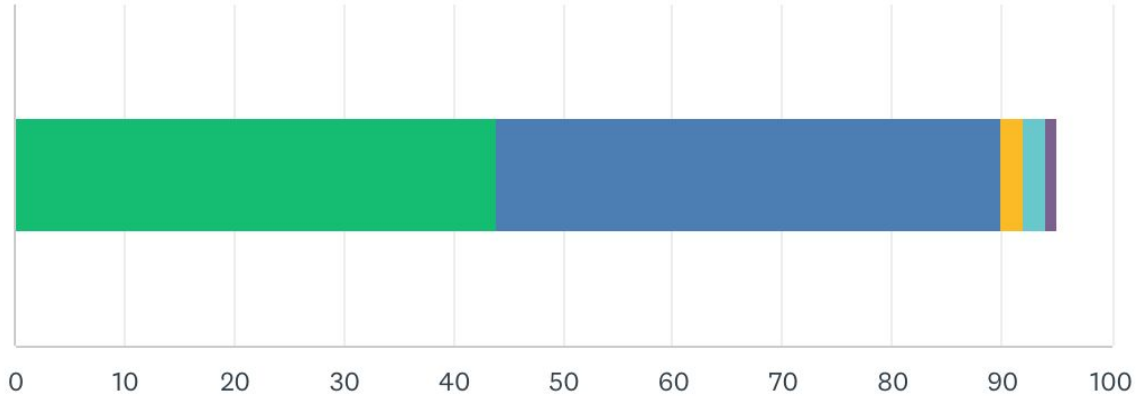
Student Language Fluency

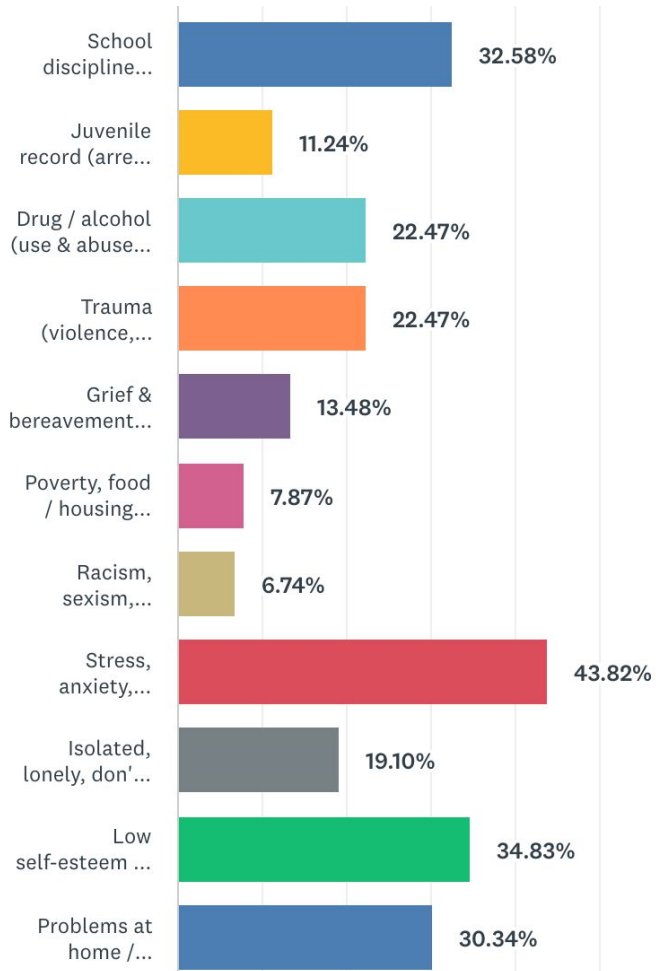
- 56% RFEP
- 26% English learners
- 17% English

Migrant Farmworkers

9% of student families are in the migrant program, though many more are known to work in the fields

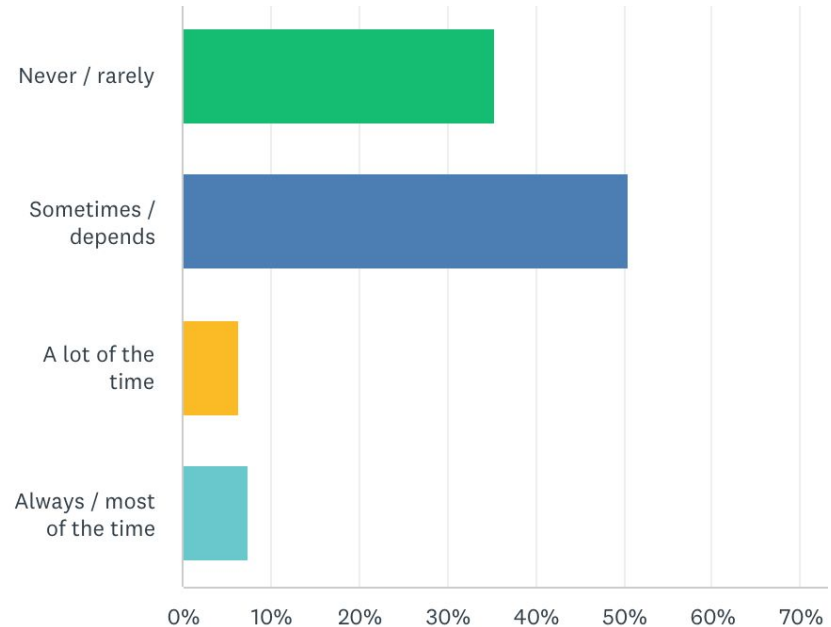
Por Vida Students Gender & Sexual Orientation



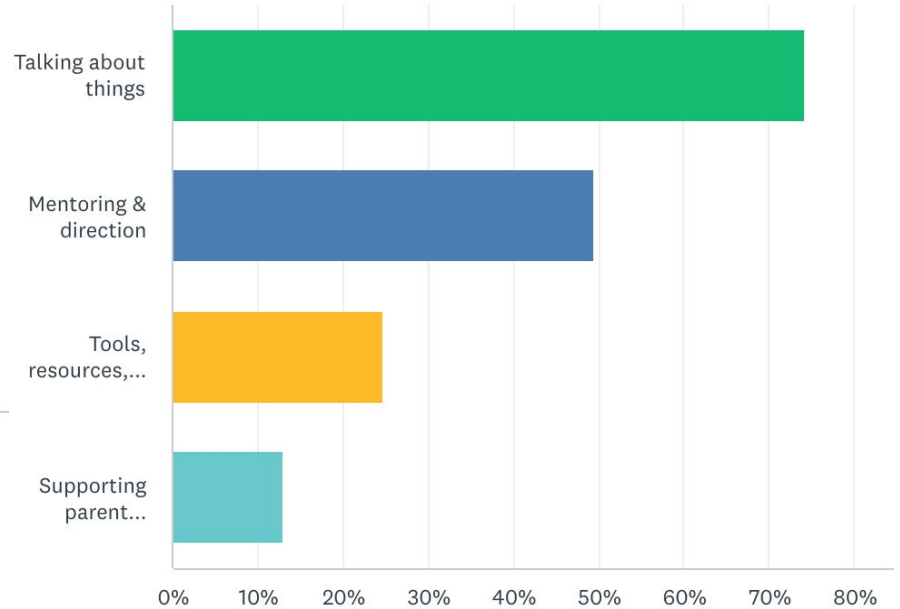


Average GPA on entry to Por Vida: 1.63

When asked, how often do you feel celebrated for your achievements....



Why Por Vida? Students:



Por Vida Student Progress – Spring 2023

| Attendance | RHS | SMHS | PVHS | DHS | AVG / Total |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------------------|
| % improved attendance | 60% | 48% | 65% | 29% | 50% |
| avg attendance improvement | 33% | 31% | 44% | 38% | 37% |
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| Grades | RHS | SMHS | PVHS | DHS | AVG / Total |
| Improved | 52% | 43% | 33% | 45% | 43% |
| Mixed | 33% | 43% | 40% | 50% | 42% |
| No improvement | 14% | 13% | 27% | 5% | 15% |



Por Vida 2022-23

Goal

Increase # of
students &
families served

Objectives:

- Revamp program structure to address SMJUHSD feedback, reach more students
- Develop new pathways/points of entry for students & parents/caregivers
- Raise visibility of Por Vida program opportunities

Actions:

- Adjust program from full year to semester-long intensives in Fall & Spring
- Add additional facility (Fitzgerald); services for the REACH program (PV & RHS - AM & PM, ITS @ SMHS); add alumni mentoring office hours
- Serve as alternative to expulsion, attending SARB meetings
- Expand family support group to all SMJUHSD parents/caregivers
- Increase Spanish/Mixteco services & outreach to indigenous community
- Develop marketing materials & attended school/community events

Outcomes - Highlights:

- 200 students & parents/caregivers served this year (80% increase)
- 40 students (100% of Por Vida seniors) graduating, majority going to college



Por Vida 2022-23

Goal

Augment services,
develop alumni
opportunities &
engagement

Objectives:

- Organize field trips & special events
- Support youth-led projects
- Increase support for parents / caregivers

Actions:

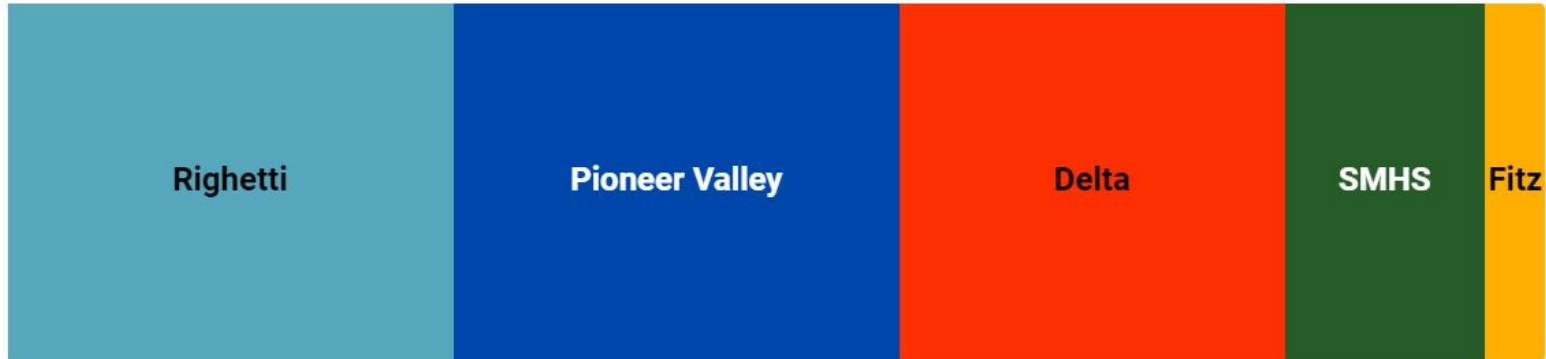
- Support PVHS students' creation of Por Vida Alumni Club, Youth Making Change grant application, youth-led activities
- Connect students with scholarship & career opportunities
- Expanded parent/caregiver support group to all SMJUHS

Outcomes - Highlights:

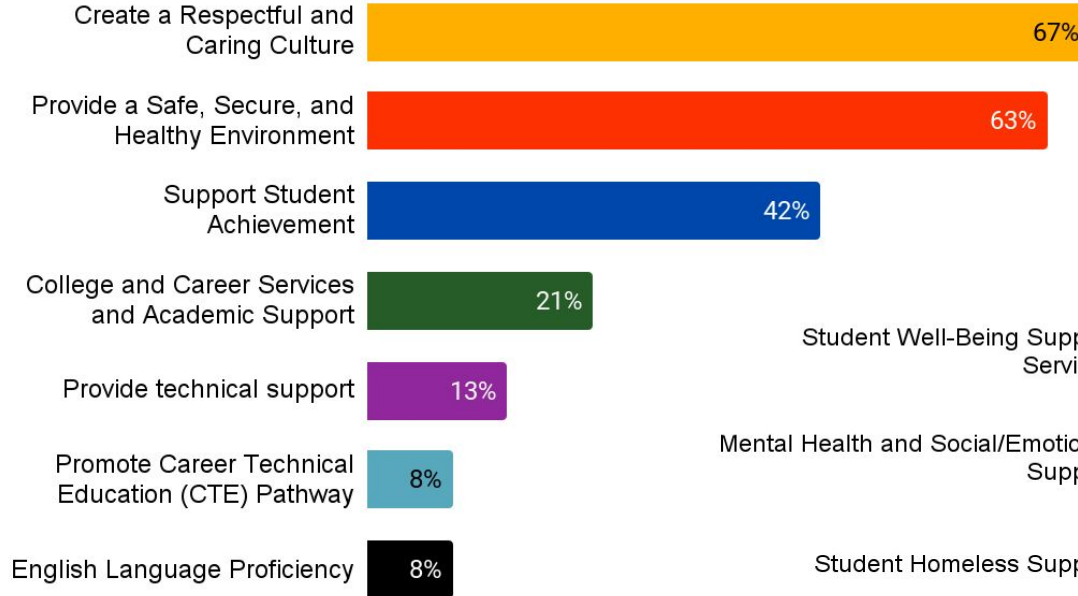
- Field Trips: CalState LA & Flutter Museum; AHC
- Special Events: Back-to-School, Holiday Party, Por Vida Awards

SMJUHSD Staff Survey

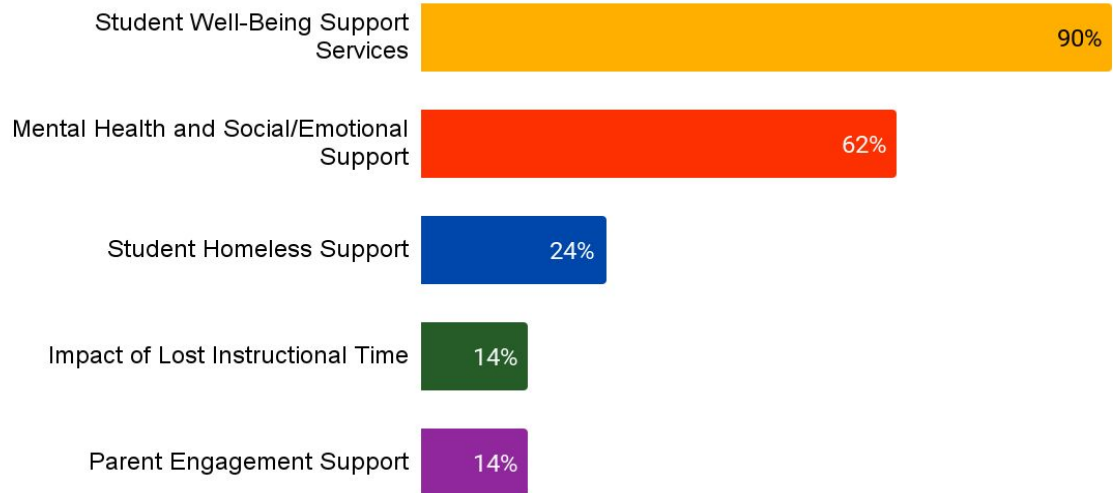
Who did we reach?



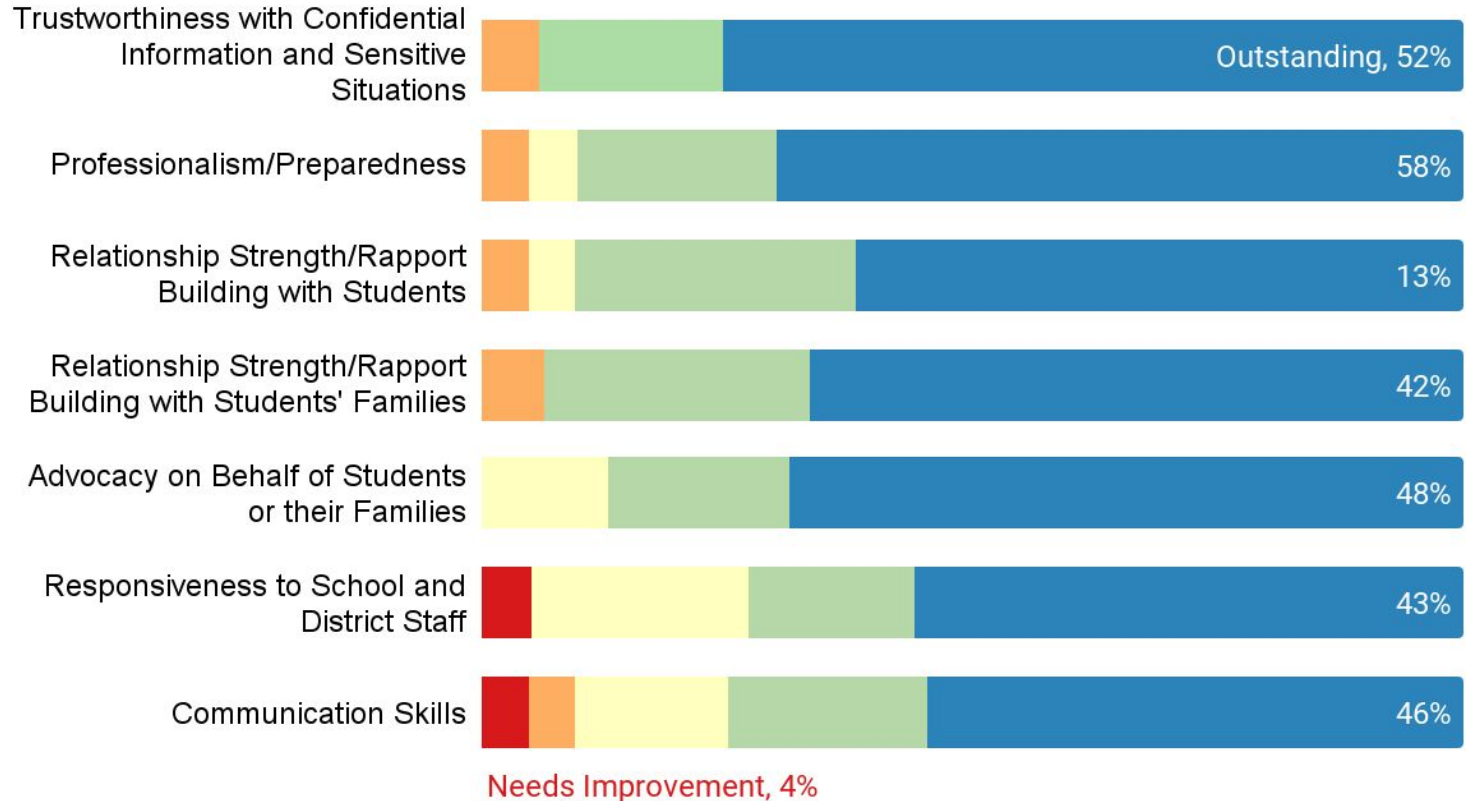
Top ways staff report seeing Por Vida helping them reach their LCAP goals:



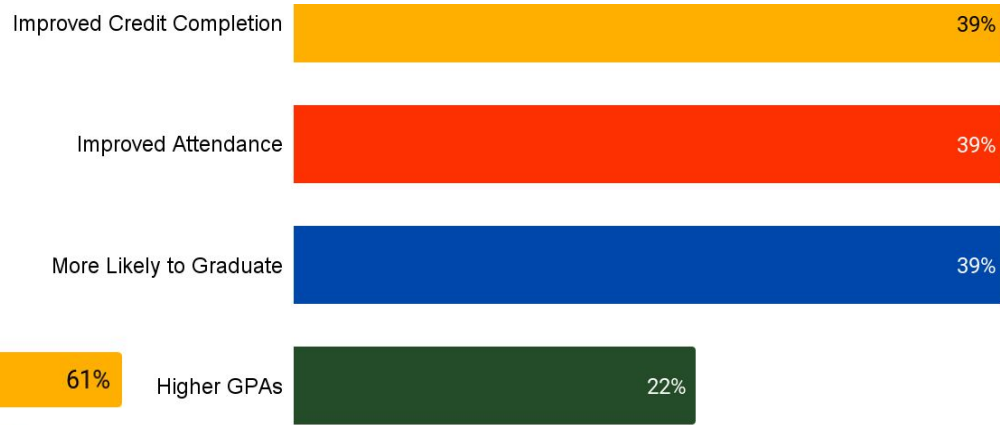
Top ways staff report seeing Por Vida helping them reach their ESSER goals:



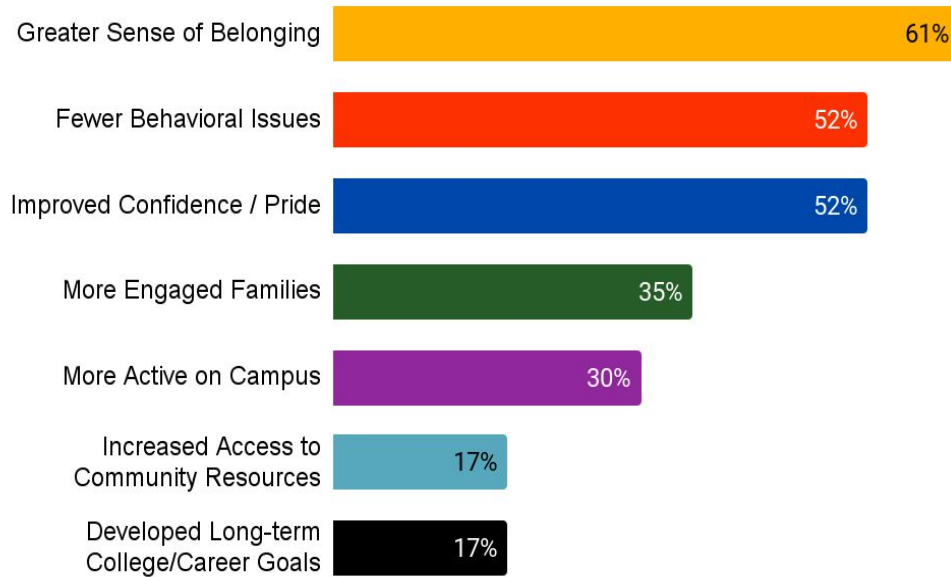
When asked about Case Managers, school staff responded overwhelmingly positively.



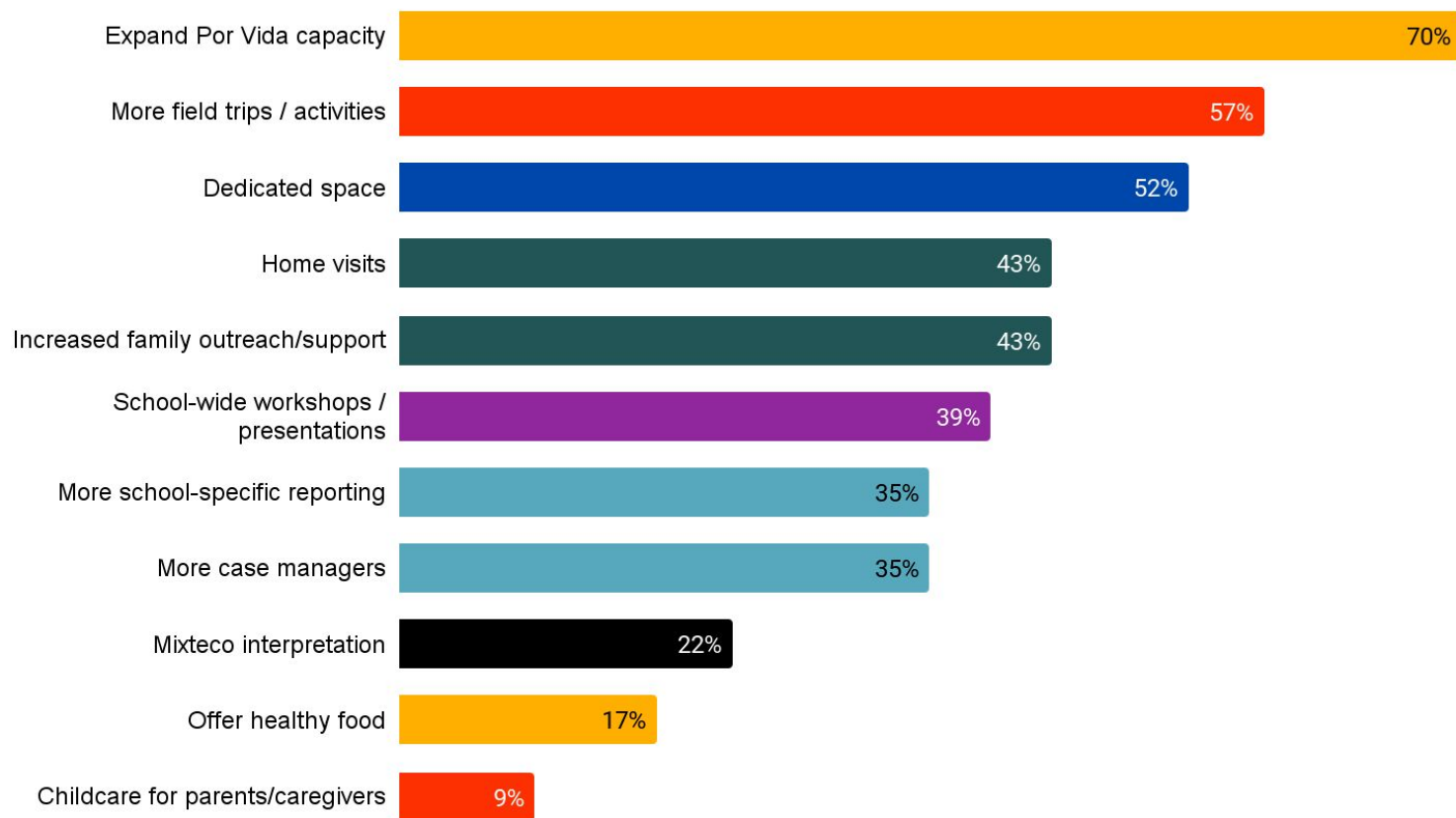
Top academic improvements staff see in students in Por Vida are:



Top non-academic improvements:



If given an unlimited budget, school staff reported the top ways they would like to see Por Vida grow (echoed in feedback from meetings with Principals, APs, and Deans):



2023-24 Por Vida Objectives

1. **Reach 500-700 students & parents/caregivers, with attention to underserved Indigenous community and most vulnerable students:**
 - a. **Home visits / truancy support**
 - b. **Flexible case management**
 - c. **More groups - students & parents/families**
 - d. **Mixteco services & childcare**
 - e. **Alternative to expulsion / disciplinary action**
 - f. **Time-sensitive intervention**
2. **Por Vida Alumni**
 - a. **More Field trips and activities!!**
 - b. **Peer-to-Peer Support Network**
 - c. **Increased community/partner engagement**
3. **Improve SMJUHSD reporting & collaboration**

2023-24 Por Vida Desired Outcomes

1. 100% graduation rate of Por Vida program participants.
2. Increase in motivation to attend college, 70% of seniors enrolled
3. 60% improve grades, attendance, credit completion rates.
4. 80% improve socioemotional well-being.
5. 100% warm handoff with referrals, and 50% youth/family follow-through, with an emphasis on therapy, tutoring, drug & alcohol services, and other leadership programs.

Thank you!!
Please Join Us:

POR VIDA AWARDS
Thursday, June 1st!!!!
Santa Maria Fairgrounds
5:30pm Doors
6-8pm Event