

Teen Success Summit Youth Workshops
Business Group

Step One: Voice Ideas

Idea- What are five reasons the group feels cause students to drop out	How would it increase the dropout rate?
Teen Pregnancy	Practice safe sex people want to provide good future for their kids
School is boring and teachers with bad attitudes	If teachers disrespect kids- kids will disrespect teachers.
Discrimination and stereotypes towards students (by teachers and fellow students).	Makes students feel unwanted and cause them not to want to come to school.
Students who feel they are old enough to work and not go to school.	Student's dropout out of school to work longer hours.
Family issues and joining a gang	Students may have to dropout to help contribute family income by getting a job.
Joining a Gang	A student may dropout to join a gang- Where they feel wanted and feel like they belong.

STEP 2 Name five recommendations you or your school or your community could do which would help solve some of the above problems and increase the graduation rate?

Recommendations	How would it increase the graduation rate?
Practice Safe Sex	People wouldn't be dropping out to help raise kids.
A program to recruit quality teachers	If the teachers respect the student the students will respect the teacher.
A program to reduce discrimination in schools.	While racism in schools would not end recognition of it and proactive programs to reduce it would help.
A program to encourage more young people not to work full-time but to work less hours so that they can stay in school.	If students are not working so much they can concentrate on schoolwork.
Implement gang prevention programs in schools.	Effective gang prevention programs would reduce gang membership and help keep more kids in school.
Families experiencing trouble should visit a counselor together.	This would enable the family to work together to keep their children in school and on track to graduation.

Step 3 Answer the following questions about your recommendations.

- How does your recommendation build on positive things currently happening in the schools and/or community?

If you practice safe sex people won't get pregnant and they won't have to dropout to take care of their kids.

- How can people from the neighborhood or school or school district help plan the project, get it started, and sustain it?

Community members can come together like we have today- to brainstorm the project. Community members can then get together every other week to discuss

implementation of the project.

- Will the project help the schools and community continue to find innovative ways to increase graduation rate?
If those who are on the implementation committee are committed to the projects success it will work.