



Associated Students, Incorporated – Project Rebound Gap Funding Support Proposal

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Program: Project Rebound
Division: Center for Engagement, Service, and The Public Good



Mission

The mission of Project Rebound Cal State LA is to support the higher education and successful reintegration of the formerly incarcerated student (FIS) through the mentorship and living example of other formerly incarcerated students, graduates, faculty, and staff. Project Rebound constructs a life-affirming alternative to the revolving door policies of mass incarceration by making higher education more accessible and supportive of FIS so they can acquire the knowledge and skills of a university education, enhance their capacity for civic engagement and community leadership, secure meaningful and gratifying employment, empower themselves and their families, and ultimately make stronger, educated, and safer communities.

History

Established in 1967 by John Irwin Ph.D., Project rebound was created in the wake of the rising percentage of recidivism rates in the state of California. Current data proves that recidivism rates (recidivism rates are rates at which individuals go back to jail), are at 70%, this number is decreased to 32 % with an AA/AS degree, furthermore, this rate drops to 10 % when students earn a BA/BS degree, and the recidivism rate drops to zero when the student earns a Post Baccalaureate degree and beyond. Supporting the FIS does not only decrease recidivism rates but it also creates better citizens of the world.

Current research and data reveal that Project Rebound Scholars outperform the traditional college student by having a 3.6 overall GPA whereas the traditional students 3.2 overall GPA. It is imperative to continue the support for FIS and to ensure their academic success.



Programs, Services, & Descriptions

Admission Assistance

Project Rebound coaches prospective students on the admission process, prerequisites, and available degree programs, evaluates their academic records prior to transfer and provides detailed guidance on admission strategies.

Financial Aid

Project Rebound provides one on one financial aid and FAFSA assistance working closely with the Cal State LA financial aid department, as well as direct student support including books, meals, computers, transportation, and a housing initiative for Project Rebound Scholars.

Community

Project Rebound welcomes scholars into a circle of support and provides a bridge into the wider community on-and-off campus. In doing so, Project Rebound ensures the successful re-integration of FIS into our communities.

Mentorship, Advocacy & Advising

Project Rebound provides individualized support, connecting students with tutors tailored to the subjects of their curricula and ensuring they feel a sense of belonging that allows for a meaningful college experience.

Counseling & Wellness Services

Project Rebound connects students to counseling, psychological, and wellness services both on campus and in the community to help students improve coping skills, strengthen personal relationships, navigate the college transition, recover from traumatic experiences, and engage in self-explorations that foster student success.

Employment & Career Services

Project Rebound helps students secure employment and internships on and off campus and connects them to Cal State LA's first-rate Career Center.

Objectives

To identify, matriculate, support, and graduate persons affected by the justice system. The population we serve faces multiple challenges that are often barriers to access and success. These individual factors occur in part or whole across the broad spectrum of



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Plans to ensure support is successfully achieved include mid semester check-in with students via phone call and a short satisfaction survey to be administered in November 2022 and in April 2023.