

Success Stories: El Centro (Dallas County Community College District)

El Centro College is one of seven separately accredited colleges in the Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD). Through the replication and expansion of the Walmart Brighter Futures 2.0 Project model, DCCCD competed for and received \$2,111,222.00 funding as a part of the Adult Education and Literacy Consortium Grant to educate and train unemployed/underemployed, low skilled/low wage workers in adult basic education, workplace preparation, and career pathways at all seven campuses. This additional funding has enabled us to expand our audience to better serve special populations and those students who traditionally experience barriers to success.

In addition to the above, our partnerships with community-based organizations have provided invaluable recruitment, case management, and job placement assistance. This has allowed us to focus on our primary object, which is to train and educate students.

The successful aspects of the program include:

- Partnerships with community-based organizations
- External resources along with classroom instruction to supplement learning on an individual basis
- Individual case management to address individual participant needs
- Contextualized instruction for a credential directly geared toward employable skills sought by employers
- Incorporation of technology within the coursework to improve participant knowledge base