El Paso, Texas...

- 80% Hispanic
- Median Household Income:
  - El Paso County = $34,626
  - State of Texas = $44,922
  - United States = $48,451

**Educational Attainment**
**Persons 25 Years & Older**

- No Diploma: 32%
- High School Graduate: 23%
- Some College - No Degree: 21%
- Associate Degree: 6%
- Bachelor's Degree: 12%
- Graduate or Prof. Degree: 6%
El Paso Community College

Fall Enrollment

Increased 62% in the Decade

2001: 18,561
2010: 30,225

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Enrollment by Gender - Fall 2010

Female 59%
Male 41%
Dual Credit

- Open to Juniors & Seniors
- Tuition & fees waived
- Taught in high schools or online
- Taught by college-credentialed high school teachers or college faculty
Increased 3,179% in the Decade

Annual Unduplicated
Does not include Early College High Schools
Students representative of population..low income, first generation

A, B, and C students in middle school

Summer boot camp to get college ready

Begin college courses in freshman year

Earn Associates Degree along with high school diploma
Early College High Schools

With support from the Communities Foundation of Texas

- **Mission del Paso / Socorro ISD**
  - Gates Foundation
  - Opened July 2006

- **Valle Verde / Ysleta ISD**
  - Texas Education Agency
  - Opened July 2007

- **Northwest / Canutillo ISD**
  - Greater Texas Foundation
  - Opened Summer 2008
  - TSTEM

- **Transmountain / El Paso ISD**
  - Gates Foundation
  - Opened Summer 2008
  - TSTEM
Early College High Schools

With support from the Communities Foundation of Texas

- Cotton Valley Early College High School
  - Fabens/ Tornillo/ Fort Hancock
  - Texas Education Agency
  - Opened August, 2010
  - Small rural districts with need for unique accommodations

- Clint Early College High School/ Clint ISD
  - Greater Texas Foundation & Meadows Foundation
  - Planned to impact entire district
  - Opening 2012
Mission Early College High School

- **July 2006** – First cohort of 125 students begin as freshman

- **End of junior year** – 23 students earn Associates Degrees
  - 17 females, 6 males - 21 first generation students
  - Students given scholarships to take upper level classes at UTEP
  - Average GPA – 3.4, 9 students have perfect 4.0

- **Half-way through senior year** – 42 more student earn Associates Degrees and start taking upper level classes at UTEP

- **May 2010** - All but 5 from cohort have earned Associates Degrees

- **June 2010** – Cohort graduates from high school
Early College High School Dual Credit Enrollment - Fall Semesters

- 2006: 126
- 2007: 367
- 2008: 669
- 2009: 993
- 2010: 1,250

Percentage increases:
- 2006-2007: 191%
- 2007-2008: 82%
- 2008-2009: 48%
- 2009-2010: 26%
- Total increase: 892%
Leader College – 2009 to present

“El Paso Community College is proud to have been designated an Achieving the Dream Leader College – a recognition of accomplishment in the national effort to improve student success.”
Leah Meyer Austin Institutional Student Success Leadership Award Winner - 2011

Accepting the award at the AtD Strategy Institute – February 8, 2011

Bringing the award to Dr. Rhodes at EPCC – February 14, 2011
**The Leah Meyer Austin Institutional Student Success Leadership Award**

- **Sponsored by the Lumina Foundation**
  - Awarded EPCC $25,000 for use in Student Success initiatives

- **Administered by the American Association of Community Colleges**

- **Recognizes outstanding institutional achievement in creating excellence and equity through:**
  1. committed leadership;
  2. use of evidence to improve policies, programs, and services;
  3. broad engagement; and
  4. systemic institutional improvement
El Paso Area College
Readiness Consortium
Joint effort by EPCC, UTEP and School Districts

Addresses the AtD objectives & the State’s initiative to “Close the Gaps”

Goals

- Area schools: Ensure that HS students can enter college-level courses after senior year
- EPCC and UTEP: Help students to progress through core courses in their first semester of college

Students not passing one or more areas received interventions and were re-tested
El Paso Area College Readiness Consortium

Socorro ISD  UTEP  Region 19

El Paso ISD  Ysleta ISD

Clint ISD  San Elizario ISD  Canutillo ISD  Tornillo ISD

Relationships Need Great Partners!
Design strategies that will ensure that the initial enrollment of college bound high school graduates is in entry-level college courses.
Desired Consortium Outcomes

- Test juniors and seniors
- High schools become Accuplacer test sites
- Compilation of test preparation and intervention strategies
- Share experiences across districts
State Mandated TAKS Test
(Texas Education Agency)

- To graduate from high school 2100
- To be college ready 2200
Expansion of Test Scores for Placement into College Level Courses

Additional assessments used for placement

TAKS
ACT
SAT
PSAT
PLAN
College Readiness
Preparation and Intervention Strategies

- Advancer or Similar Diagnostic Test
- Workshops
- Tutoring
- Software
- Practice tests
- Embed skills into curriculum
As little as 6 hours of math refresher led to 49% of students advancing 1 to 2 levels of course placement
Comprehensive orientation for student and parent

- Why take a placement test?
- What do the scores mean?
- How will they be used?
- How can doing well save time and money?
- How can the student prepare to do well on the Accuplacer?
- Complete joint EPCC/UTEP admission application

Test

Interpretation of Scores

Post-test interventions

Re-test

Summer Bridge Program
Through college readiness initiatives we have increased the percentage of entering students who are college-ready.

Some Outcomes
Some Outcomes

Through college readiness initiatives we have reduced the number of developmental education areas that students are placing into.
Through interventions to elevate placement we have reduced the time required to complete developmental education course work.
Enrollment / Graduates
The Ultimate Outcome

Increased 62% in a Decade

18,561
30,225

Increased 145% in a Decade

1,270
3,115

Enrollment
Graduates
Thank you!