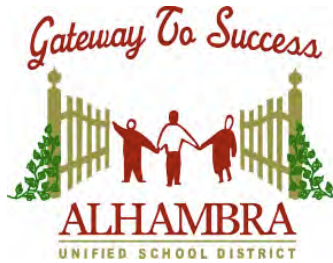


GATEWAY TO SUCCESS PROGRAM



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At one time or another, every student will face a personal challenge that will make it difficult for him or her to progress academically or socially within the school environment. Family issues such as divorce or death; not knowing how to make or keep friends; difficulties with anger control; drug or alcohol involvement; homelessness; difficulties understanding school work; or even stresses of moving to a new school are just a few of the hurdles that can interfere with a student's overall achievement, happiness and adjustment. Some students are able to maneuver these hurdles on their own. Others may benefit from the help of a trained counselor to develop the skills necessary to overcome the challenges they are facing.

The **GATEWAY TO SUCCESS PROGRAM** serves to link students with counselors or other health and wellness resources that will help them work through the challenges that are interfering with their academic, personal, or social adjustment. In addition, it provide parents an opportunity to receive on going support and education via or Parent University, Parenting Classes, and various workshops and presentation throughout the school year.

Funded by competitive grants awarded through the U.S. Department of Education/Safe Schools/Healthy Students, GATEWAY TO SUCCESS seeks to overcome many of the obstacles often faced by families who wish to access counseling support by bringing such programs to the school sites. Services are available to students with Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, private insurance, or no insurance.

The mission of GATEWAY TO SUCCESS Program is to help students reach their educational potential.

1. Who does the GATEWAY TO SUCCESS PROGRAM service?

The GATEWAY TO SUCCESS PROGRAM services all AUSD school sites. Thus, any student in the Alhambra Unified School District has the opportunity to be linked to the appropriate agency/services to meet their individual needs.

2. What are some reasons/behaviors/observations, for which a student would be referred to the GATEWAY TO SUCCESS PROGRAM?

Below are just a few reasons:

- Difficulties with peers
- Medical/Somatic Complaints
- Alcohol/Tobacco/Other Drugs
- Absenteeism
- Student exposed to trauma
- At-risk for experiencing Justice involvement
- Academic difficulties
- Family-related difficulties

3. How do I request counseling services for a student?

A Guidance counselor, School Psychologist, School Nurse, Home School Coordinator, Probation Officer, or Principal/Assistant Principal, may obtain a Gateway To Success Counseling referral form from the intervention advisor at the student's school, or may request one by calling the Gateway To Success office. Parents and teachers should connect with Guidance Counselor/Intervention Advisor for assistance in making a referral.

To expedite processing of the referral, please ensure that the referral is filled out completely, including the SDQ form.

4. How long does it take for a student to see a counselor after a referral has been submitted? It can take anywhere from 2 weeks to an infinite time based on the information the person making request and the parent provide. The more information provided in the referral, the faster it will be to process such. Please ensure to provide medical coverage information (Medi-Cal number, etc.), SDQ form, and as much information relevant to student needs, in order to link the student to the most appropriate services.

5. How will I know when my student will be receiving services?

You will be notified of the status of the referral submitted, by the intervention advisor at your site, or by the assigned therapist/agency. Should you have any questions on the status, you may contact the intervention advisor directly at your site.

5. Where can I get more information on the GATEWAY TO SUCCESS PROGRAM?

For more information about our program, please visit our website at:

www.alhambra.k12.ca.us "Gateway To Success", or you may stop by the Guidance office to speak with the Gateway To Success Intervention Advisor at your site.

You may also reach us at the Gateway To Success office at 626-943-3410.

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