



HELPING STUDENTS SURVIVE SO THEY CAN SUCCEED

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SOME NUMBERS...

*A recent Wisconsin HOPE Lab study of 33,000 students at 70 community colleges in 24 states found:

- 50% are housing insecure
- 66% have low food security

*Among Pell grant recipients:

- 60% are housing insecure; 16% are homeless
- 64% have low food security

*Among non-Pell grant recipients:

- 44% are housing insecure; 12% are homeless
- 28% have low food security



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“...people's minds are less efficient when they feel they lack something — whether it is money, time, calories or even companionship.”

(Safir and Mullainathan, 2013)

Poverty Interrupted



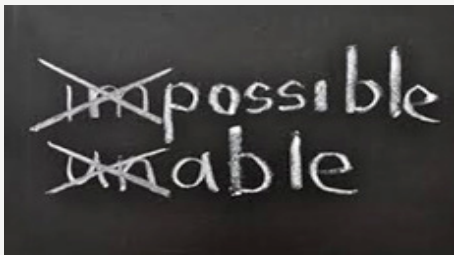
Design Principles:



Cut the costs



Create slack



Reframe and Empower

In conditions of scarcity, people demonstrate:

- **Challenges with planning ahead**
- **Difficulties with problem-solving**
- **Short-sighted decision-making**
- **Self-defeating actions**

WHO DO YOU NEED TO GET STARTED?

COME ONE, COME ALL

*ANYONE
(ADMINISTRATION,
FACULTY, STAFF)
WITH A HEART OF
SERVICE AND A
WILLINGNESS TO
HELP.

-CURRENTLY WE
HAVE AN *AD HOC*
COMMITTEE OF 16

*WHO IS HAVING
PARALLEL
CONVERSATIONS?



VITAL CAMPUS REPRESENTATION

* IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE
WRAP-AROUND SERVICES
ARE PROVIDED, YOU MUST
HAVE AT LEAST ONE
REPRESENTATIVE FROM
THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- FACULTY
- STUDENT SERVICES (Career/Re-entry, Counseling, Disability Resources, Financial Aid)
- STUDENT GOVERNMENT

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO GET STARTED?

*This is an organic process.

-You do not need to be an official committee to do this.

*Like-minded individuals with hearts and minds ready to help students and create “slack”.

-You may find different faculty and staff already trying to help students in different ways. This committee will serve to unite common interests.

WHERE CAN THIS BE DONE?

*Consider the availability on-campus and consider the needs of multiple locations (if any).

-This program can be housed just about anywhere...

1. The food bank on our main campus is located in the counseling office.
2. Our monthly meetings are held in the SGA office, but can be held in any available space on-campus.
3. We have a second food bank in a former storage room at a second campus.

WIZARD'S WAREHOUSE @ TMCC

Dandini Campus



Meadowood Campus



HOW CAN THIS BE DONE?

Remember, this is an organic process...start with what you already have:

Resource Fair (2013)

Occurred once per semester with major community agencies and resources on campus to help students fulfill an unmet need



Drop-In Fridays (2014)



DROP-IN FRIDAYS

in the NRAP Lounge

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS!

VARIOUS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE EACH FRIDAY DURING THE SPRING 2016 SEMESTER!

THESE ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE RESOURCES, INFORMATION, AND SERVICES IN A PRIVATE SETTING.

MEETING WITH THESE ORGANIZATIONS CAN ALSO BE CONFIDENTIAL.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PRE-SCHEDULE A TIME FOR A PRIVATE APPOINTMENT WITH ANY OF THE ORGANIZATIONS WHILE THEY ARE ON CAMPUS?
EMAIL US AT [DIVERSITY@TMCC.EDU](mailto:diversity@tmcc.edu)

- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19 - COMMUNITY HEALTH ALLIANCE
HEALTH CARE SERVICES SETUP AND INFORMATION
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - HANDS OF HOPE
FOOD ASSISTANCE TO THE WORKING IMPROVED
- FRIDAY, MARCH 4 - CRISIS CALL CENTER - SASS ADVOCACY TEAM
FREE CONFIDENTIAL CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE AND THEIR FAMILY/FRIENDS
- FRIDAY, MARCH 11 - COMMUNITY HEALTH ALLIANCE
HEALTH CARE SERVICES SETUP AND INFORMATION
- FRIDAY, MARCH 18 - PLANNED PARENTHOOD
PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL, ADVOCACY, AND HEALTH CARE SERVICES
- FRIDAY, MARCH 25 - CAAW - COMMITTEE TO AID ABUSED WOMEN
FREE CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT SERVICES IN AN EFFORT TO BRING AN END TO FAMILY VIOLENCE IN WASHOE COUNTY
- FRIDAY, APRIL 1 - SAFE EMBRACE
PROVIDING INFORMATION AND SERVICES FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS AND THEIR CHILDREN
- FRIDAY, APRIL 8 - WOMEN AND CHILDREN CENTER OF THE SIERRA
DIAPER BANK AND PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR WOMEN TO ESCAPE OR AVOID POVERTY
- FRIDAY, APRIL 15 - BUILD OUR CENTER
LORD COMMUNITY CENTER AND ORGANIZATION PROVIDING EDUCATION AND RESOURCE INFORMATION
- FRIDAY, APRIL 22 - COMMUNITY HEALTH ALLIANCE
HEALTH CARE SERVICES SETUP AND INFORMATION
- FRIDAY, APRIL 29 - NORTHERN NEVADA HOPES
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER PROVIDING INFORMATION, RESOURCES, AND SCREENING
- FRIDAY, MAY 6 - BRISTLECONE
ADDITION RECOVERY RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

DROP IN!

NRAP LOUNGE - RDMT 325 J
INSIDE THE COUSLING CENTER
ORGANIZED BY THE TMCC STUDENT RESOURCES TEAM
COMMUNITYRESOURCES.TMCC.EDU
775-673-7094

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RESOURCE FAIR 2017

32 Community Agencies and Organizations...



...and a pre-fair networking event

HOW CAN THIS BE DONE?

Resource Fair and Drop-In Fridays



Resource Page:

Wanted an easy-to-locate webpage of information that could be continuously updated

TMCC RESOURCES PAGE

- <http://www.tmcc.edu/reentry/student-resources/>

- Childcare
- Clothing
- Counseling
- Disabilities
- Education
- Emergency Resources
Hotline



- Employment and Training
- Family

- Financial Literacy
- Food General Assistance
- Housing/Shelter
- Medical
- Mental Health/Substance Abuse
- Spiritual
- Transportation

HOW CAN THIS BE DONE?

Realization ↔ **Interaction** ↔ **Connection**

As the Resource Page was being constructed, we realized that there were programs already in action at our school that sought to address some of the needs of the students:

- Individual Faculty
- Re-Entry Program
- Suicide Prevention Program



Food Pantry

HOW CAN THIS BE DONE?

Setting Up a Food Pantry

*There's no need to go it alone or to re-invent the wheel

- What agencies in your community already address the need of food scarcity?
- TMCC partnered with the Food Bank of Northern Nevada

*Are there other schools in your community addressing the issue of food scarcity?

- The University of Nevada Reno already had a successful pantry

*What can your school commit to in terms of space, time, and people? (Be honest in your assessment).

- Originally, our pantry was by appointment only, then as we became more comfortable it grew to a set day and time and emergency appointments as needed.

PARTNERING WITH THE FOOD BANK – FOOD BANK PICK-UP



HOW CAN THIS BE DONE?

Food Pantry

Since July 2016:

138 Students

687 Total People



Emergency Resource Fund

HOW CAN THIS BE DONE?

Setting up an Emergency Fund

*Explore existing resources; start where you are
(we started with \$50 in Fall 2015)

- Look to your Foundation for assistance
- Are there other scholarship funds with the same purpose?
- Collaborate with Financial Aid to ensure no impact on financial aid award

*Develop a process that works for you

- Determine criteria and an application process
- Consider having a follow-up procedure

TMCC Emergency Fund

*Beginning Balance (9/1/2015): **\$50**

- Combined with another fund (7/1/2016): **\$2,066.93**
- 2016 Employee Payroll Deduction Allocation: **\$900**
- Student Government Association Allocation (2/1/2017): **\$10,000**
- Total amount awarded to students for 2016/2017: **\$5,324.90**
- Ending Balance: **\$7,642.03**

EMERGENCY FUND NEEDS

- Bus Passes
- Car Payments
- Medical Expenses for Children
- Childcare
- Tuition Payments
- Dental Work
- Compassionate Airfare
- Bill Payments

A WORK IN PROGRESS: CHALLENGES AND SUCCESSES ALONG THE WAY

CHALLENGES

- Volunteers
- Piecemeal Committee without Dedicated Staff

SUCCESSES

- Student work positions created and local high school students who need community service hours are utilized.
 - Volunteer Training Manual In-Progress
- Committee meetings take place at a predetermined set day and time with the understanding that everyone may not be able to attend.
- Secured TMCC facilities vehicle for food pick-up

A WORK IN PROGRESS: CHALLENGES AND SUCCESSES ALONG THE WAY

CHALLENGES

- Understanding Policies

- Spreading the Word

SUCCESSES

- The Food Bank has its own policies we have to adhere to at all times
- We have to know what money can be spent on and in what time frame
 - Work in conjunction with the Financial Aid Office

- An Open-House for Faculty and Staff
 - Asked for donations of popular items
- “Fill-a-Bag, Fill,Your Heart” Campaign
 - February 2016 and 2017
- Professional Development
 - Poverty Simulation in Partnership with the Food Bank

SPREADING THE WORD...



TMCC

DON'T SKIP A MEAL

Students | Faculty | Staff

Introducing

WIZARD'S WAREHOUSE

Resources available at the Dandini Campus and Meadowood Site. If you are in need of food assistance or personal items, please email us at:

RESOURCES@TMCC.EDU

FOOD BANK
OF NORTHERN NEVADA

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NEXT STEPS...

EMERGENCY HOUSING

- What resources are available in your community?
 - We are partnering with a local hotel
- What will be the process?
- What is the liability for the College?

POLICY AND PROCESS

- Start with what you can consistently manage.
 - It is ok to start with an informal process
- Look for other models
- Define and Develop
- Revisit and Refine

HELPFUL LINKS AND RESOURCES

- Referencing and Reviewing this Presentation
 - tmcc.edu/vpss/wizards-warehouse/
- Information about TMCC's Emergency Fund
 - <https://www.tmcc.edu/foundation/downloads/emergency-resource-fund/>
- Supplemental Reading/Information
 - Ideas 42 White Paper on Poverty
 - <http://www.ideas42.org/blog/project/poverty-interrupted/>
 - <http://www.ideas42.org/blog/project/postsecondary-education/>
 - Mullainathan, S. & Shafier, E. (2013). *Scarcity: The new science of having less and how it defines our lives*. New York, New York: Henry Holt and Company, LLC.



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