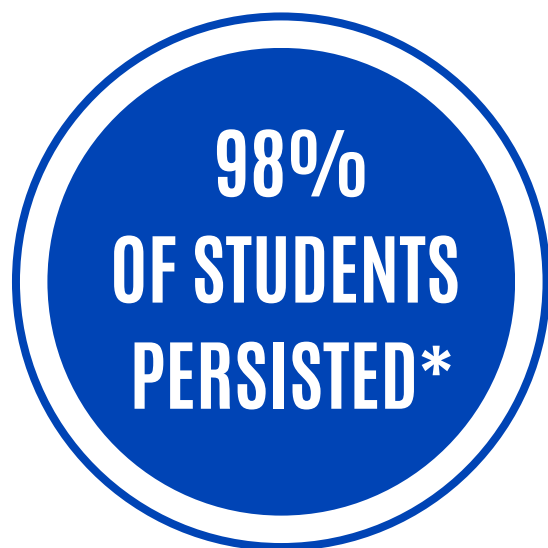


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PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF

The goal of **Persistence Pays Off (PPO)** is to assist more students to complete their college degrees or certificate by helping eliminate barriers students can face.

PPO is possible through a partnership with the TRIO offices at Ivy Tech Community College and Purdue University Fort Wayne along with Lutheran Social Services. The voluntary program works with college students to encourage them to address issues, continue their studies, and eliminate barriers to completing their degrees.



*The persistence rate of students is defined as the percentage of enrolled PPO students that make progress toward educational goals in a school (August - July) year.

Academic Year

2024-25 Results

73 STUDENTS SERVED

97% OF STUDENTS ARE
FIRST-GENERATION
COLLEGE STUDENTS

69% OF STUDENTS ARE
EMPLOYED

336 FINANCIAL LITERACY
LESSONS PROVIDED

765 COACHING SESSIONS
BY CASE MANAGER

97% OF REFERRED STUDENTS
PARTICIPATED IN PPO
SERVICES

23 STUDENTS RECEIVED
COUNSELING SERVICES

158 MENTAL HEALTH
COUNSELING SESSIONS
PROVIDED

\$ \$33,200 +
IN EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
PROVIDED TO STABILIZE STUDENTS

\$ \$22,900 +
IN MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE FOR
STUDENTS



PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF CUMULATIVE RESULTS

STUDENTS SERVED

2020 - 2021 39

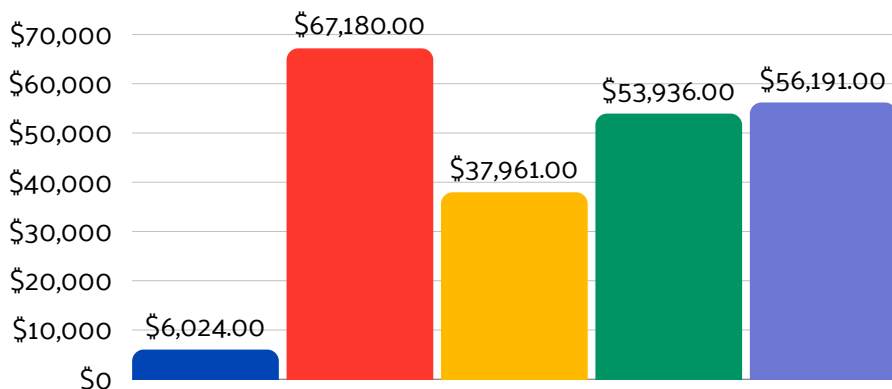
2021 - 2022 104

2022 - 2023 84

2023 - 2024 66

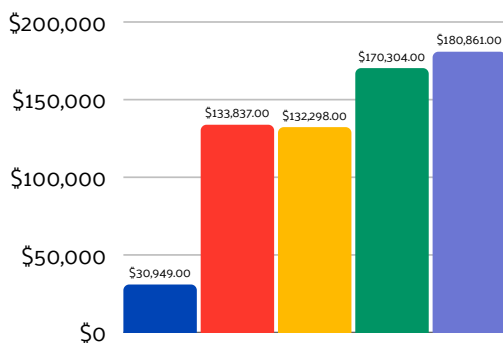
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Emergency & Mental Health Assistance



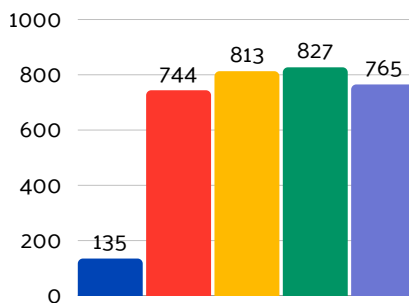
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Total Program Cost



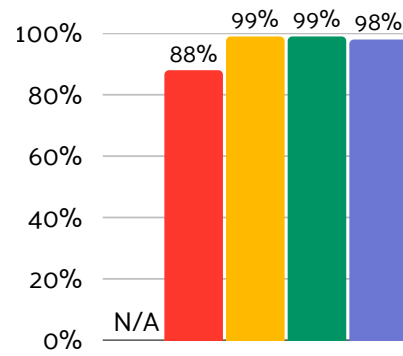
Total: \$648,250

Visits by Case Managers



Total: 3,284

Persistence Rate



Average: 96%

TOTAL COMPLETED:

Technical Certificates: 56
Associates Degrees: 28
Bachelors Degrees: 9

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY:

1. Health Professionals
2. Business Management
3. Social/Behavioral Sciences
4. Computer/Information Sciences

IMPORTANT DATES/NOTES:

- In 2022-23 the program model changed to serve participants longer
- In 2023-2024, assistance to pay for mental health counseling was added to available services



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SUPPORT TO HELP COLLEGE STUDENTS STAY IN SCHOOL AND GRADUATE