

United Way of Allen County

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

2025-26 Results

77 STUDENTS SERVED

75% OF STUDENTS ARE
FIRST-GENERATION
COLLEGE STUDENTS

75% OF STUDENTS ARE
EMPLOYED

417 FINANCIAL LITERACY
LESSONS PROVIDED

779 COACHING SESSIONS
BY CASE MANAGER

100% OF REFERRED STUDENTS
PARTICIPATED IN PPO
SERVICES

62 STUDENTS RECEIVED
COUNSELING SERVICES

144 MENTAL HEALTH
COUNSELING SESSIONS
PROVIDED

\$ \$23,000 +
IN EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
PROVIDED TO STABILIZE STUDENTS

\$ \$20,400 +
IN MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE FOR
STUDENTS



PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF CUMULATIVE RESULTS

STUDENTS SERVED

2020 - 2021 39

2021 - 2022 104

2022 - 2023 84

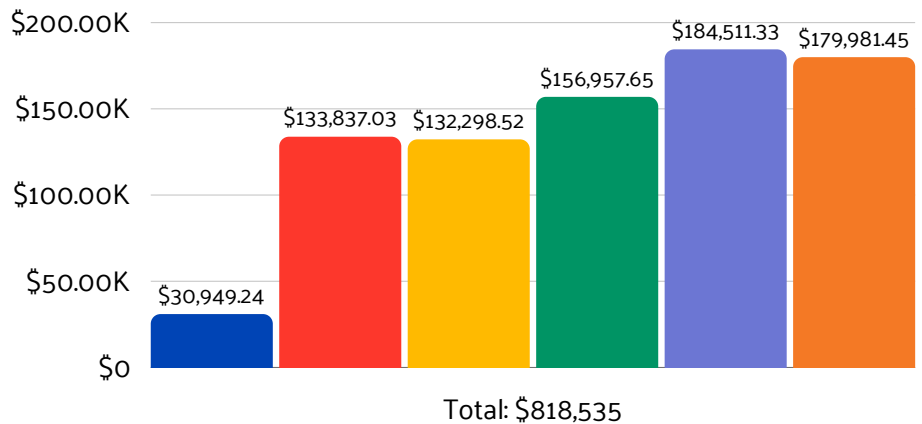
2023 - 2024 71

2024 - 2025 73

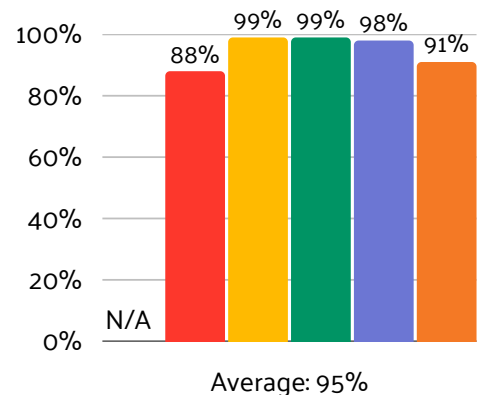
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TOTAL STUDENTS SERVED: 448

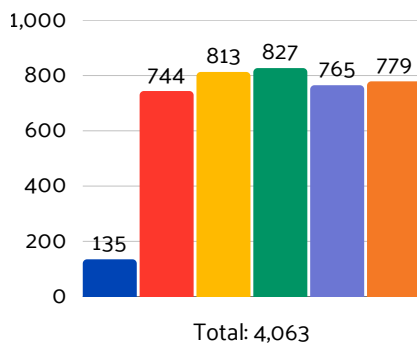
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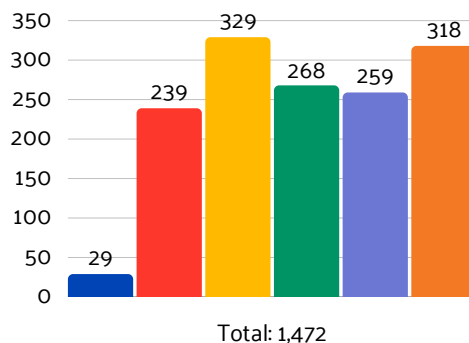
Persistence Rate



Visits by Case Managers



Community Referrals Provided



TOTAL COMPLETED:

Technical Certificates: 67
Associates Degrees: 29
Bachelors Degrees: 11

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY:

1. Health Professionals
2. Technical/Professional
3. Social/Behavioral Sciences
4. Engineering

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