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Unit Name	Community Outreach
What improvements have been planned implemented	We did begin a monthly mentoring meet-up with our Foster Care Alumni (FCA) students that began Fall 2012. We provided student-centered topics at each session and also provided refreshments for attendees.
How did you decide that these improvements would benefit your unit or what weakness is the unit trying to improve	<p>We decided to try group mentoring rather than individual partnering to make it easier for the students to network and feel more comfortable in seeking answers.</p> <p>We are striving to increase academic achievement and retention for our FCA students by sharing resources.</p>
Description of what measures are going to be used to determine if the improvements were successful	We will look at the academic performance data for our FCA students throughout the semester and compare the numbers with previous semesters to assess the effectiveness of this mentoring effort.
baseline data used to determine improvements were needed	We looked at our achievement data from the initial period (Fall 2006) compared to every fall and spring since that time for our FCA students.
target goal data that shows your improvements have achieved your goals	We are still working on achieving our goals, but we have not achieved them yet.

<p>current data where you are currently in reaching your target</p>	<p>We can show that our FCA students have made some improvements in retention and we are beginning to see some increases in academic achievement, but we are still losing too many of our FCA students after one semester.</p>
<p>Narrative</p>	<p>The monthly mentoring meet-ups are providing an opportunity to monitor our FCA students and find out their concerns. It has been very beneficial to have the work/study position because we have used this person to contact our students and build interest in attending the meet-up sessions. However, we need more consistent monitoring of these students from someone with professional training in the social work area and experience with FCA students. Even though we have caring staff in our Campus Champions, we do need someone who will provide the "hands on" attention to support our outreach efforts in order to sustain student academic progress.</p>
<p>Unit Review Leader</p>	<p>Loretta Edelen</p>