



Council for Lifelong Learning

College Reach-Out Program (CROP)

Fact Sheet

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1. What is the College Reach-Out Program?	The College Reach-Out Program (CROP) is a statewide competitive grant program that was established for the purpose of encouraging economically and educationally disadvantaged students to seek and complete a postsecondary education.
2. Who is eligible to participate in the program?	Students who are in grades 6 through 12 who meet certain economic and academic criteria are eligible to participate. The eligibility criteria are established by an advisory council, which includes representation from postsecondary education institutions.
3. What types of services are provided to the participant?	CROP provides a student with academic enrichment activities from the time the student enters the program until he or she has completed high school and is enrolled in a postsecondary institution. Activities may include: career and personal counseling, tutoring, homework assistance, summer activities, and community involvement through partnerships with colleges, universities, and community agencies.
4. How is CROP funded?	Funding for CROP is provided in the General Appropriations Act. Part of the allocation supports an annual program evaluation. Funding for CROP in 2001-2002 is \$3,999,988. Postsecondary institutions and consortia submit proposals for CROP projects to an advisory council, which uses statutory guidelines to determine the projects that will be recommended for funding.
5. What are the applicable statutes and rules?	Section 240.61, F.S. -- College Reach-Out Program
6. Where can I get additional information?	Department of Education, K-16 Articulation (850) 922-0344 www.firn.edu/doe/postsecondary/posthome.htm The Florida House of Representatives Committee on Colleges & Universities (850) 488-3711 Council for Education Policy Research and Improvement (850) 488-7894, www.cepri.state.fl.us