America Reads Tutor Survey – Spring 2012

Brief description of program:

America Reads is a federally funded work-study program that provides students with an opportunity to earn their federal work study funding through providing service in the community.

Who was asked to complete survey:
All federal work study tutors in the Program.

Respondents: 37
Administration Type: Campus Labs mailing and paper entry

Summary of Key Findings:
In general, over 90% of participants indicated that being a tutor helped to improve a variety of skill sets such as organization, patience, and leadership. 90% of students also indicated that they believed the America Reads program improved within the 2011-2012 school year. Alternatively, several students indicated their desire to better know the coordinator and receive more relevant training for tutoring.

Actions Taken:
The America Reads coordinator now spends 50% of their time visiting each site to collaborate with teachers, principals and tutors. In addition, the coordinator now sponsors an annual recognition dinner in which tutors and their families are recognized for their outstanding service and have the opportunity to interact with the coordinator on an increased personal level.

In an effort to improve training, all tutors now participate in monthly literacy program called Early and Next Steps which equips tutors with a comprehensive skill set and unified objectives to help their students.

Which program goals does this survey align with?
The mission of America Reads is to provide effective, quality tutoring in literacy and mathematics to the elementary aged students of our community partners. To do so, the America Reads program seeks to provide comprehensive tutor training, develop the skills of our leadership, and foster mutually beneficial community partnerships. This survey is to gauge by the tutor’s prospective how well we are achieving that mission.

Which Student Affairs goals does this project align with?
1. Develop students as a whole through the cultivation and enrichment of the body, mind and spirit.
6. Utilize a coordinated assessment, evaluation and research approach to promote data driven decision-making.