America Reads Surveys Spring 2013

Brief description of program / project:
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 and the teachers that work with the program.

Respondents: 
America Reads Principal Survey = 0
America Reads Teacher Survey = 7
America Reads Tutor Survey = 10

Administration Type: link for data-entry

Summary of Key Findings:
For the most part, teachers find tutors very helpful in reading help. Teachers feel that the tutors help their children and have improved their reading scores. In general, tutors feel that the experience of being a tutor has had a positive effect on their college experience. Tutors indicated that they are better teachers due to the trainings. Generally, tutors would like to get to know their site leader and teachers they work with better.

Actions Taken:
The America Reads coordinator partnered with Discovery Gateway for several reasons and one for tutors to get to know the teachers they work with better. Site leaders will hold meetings once a month for tutors to have a chance to express concerns and experiences. Early and Next steps trainings will still be offered and we will continue to find trainings that will be helpful to tutors.

Which program goals does this program / project 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 program / 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.