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# ARSA Strategic Priorities Update

Expanding  
Access for all  
Montanans

Retention  
&  
Completion

Workforce &  
Economic  
Development

Equity in  
Opportunity &  
Achievement

May 2022



OCHE – Academic, Research, and Student Affairs

# MUS College Access

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# Montana GEAR UP First Year Service

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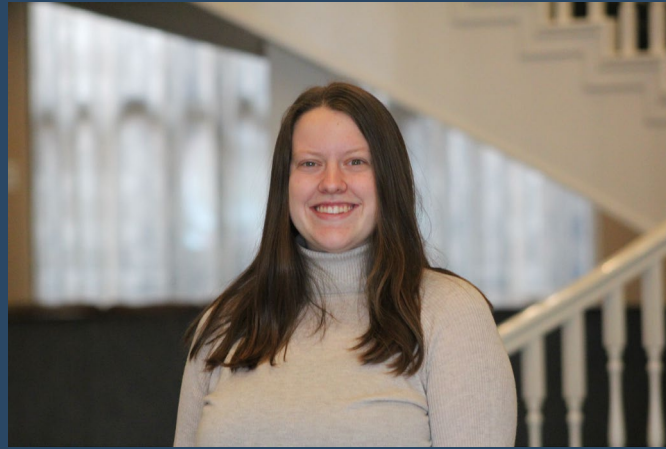
# MTGU First Year Service

- All students from MTGU schools qualify
- Coordinators work to support students through their first year on campus
  - Outreach efforts while student is in high school
  - Increased support during the transition to campus
  - Connecting students with campus services during first year
- Focus on providing a bridge of support during the transition to campus
- FY21 106 Students- FY22 98 Students





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# Educational Opportunity Center: Supporting Resident Student Access



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# Why EOC Matters to Access and Success

**Purpose:** To increase the number of adult participants who enroll in postsecondary education institutions.



**Mission:** Empower lifelong learners to obtain economic mobility, independence, and community engagement through higher education.

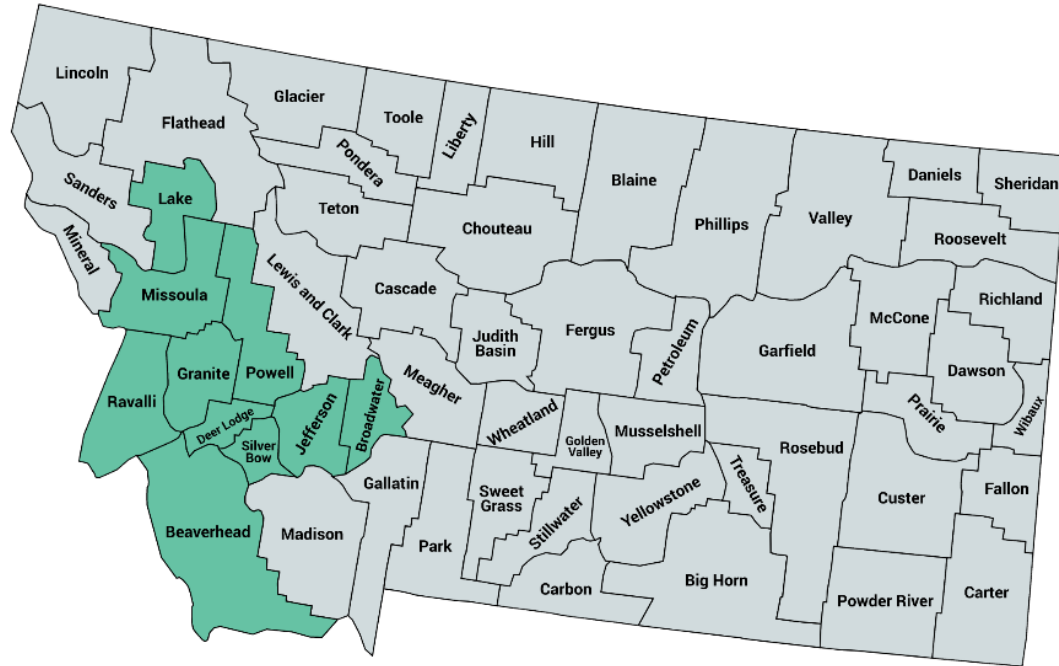


**Vision:** As Montana moves into the future, OCHE-EOC is dedicated to strengthening the Big Sky and fulfilling our mission by providing an educational environment that meets the needs of our diverse client population. We aim to accomplish this by fostering personal development, economic independence, and strong community workforce in and with our clients.



# Supporting Client Success

## Service Areas



- 850 eligible clients in 11 Montana southwestern counties
- Adult learners ages 19+ (and in some cases 16-18)
- Changing the narrative of what college means and what is available
- \$232,050 annual budget





# Our Client Stories

## • Client A

- 19 years old
- Did not finish high school
- Preparing for HiSET via ABE
- Wants to be an EMT
- No financial support

## • Client B

- 51 years old
- 20 years in restaurant industry
- Transitioning to a totally new field
- Exploring new career possibilities

## • Client C

- 25 years old
- Mother to 2 small boys
- First-Generation College Student
- Exploring career pathway options in order to gain economic mobility



# How EOC Serves Clients

**Financial  
Literacy**

**Community  
Partnerships**

**COLLEGE  
PREPARATION**

**Campus  
Support**

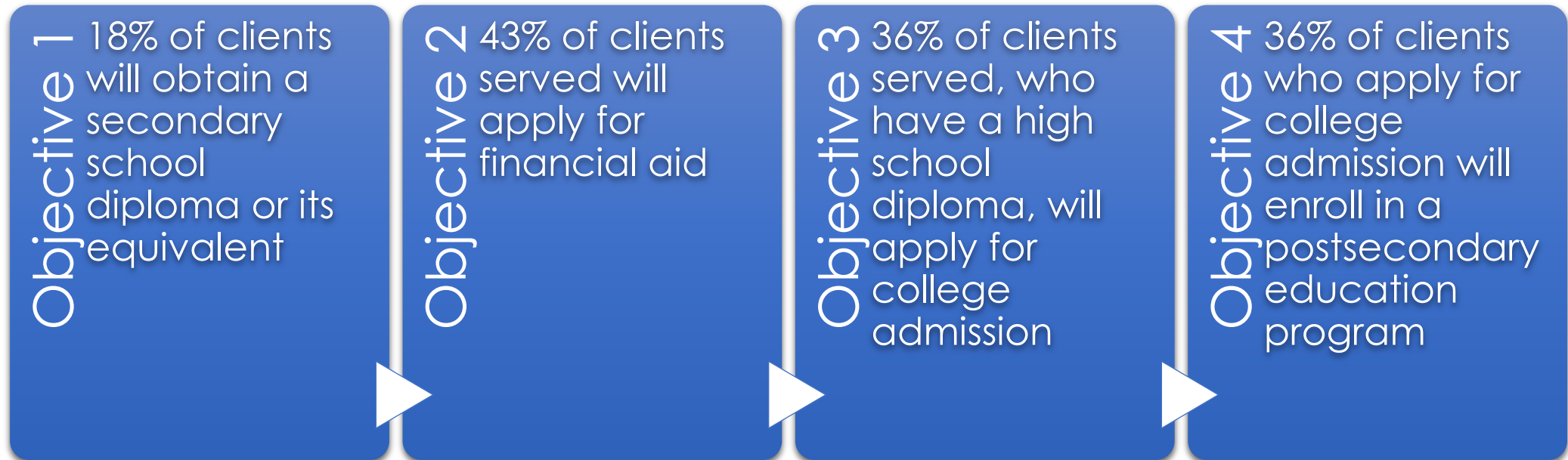
**Tribal college  
collaboration**

**Secondary  
Connections**

**Connecting to  
local resources**



# EOC Objectives Connecting to MUS Priorities





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Questions?

