



College Access in the Montana University System

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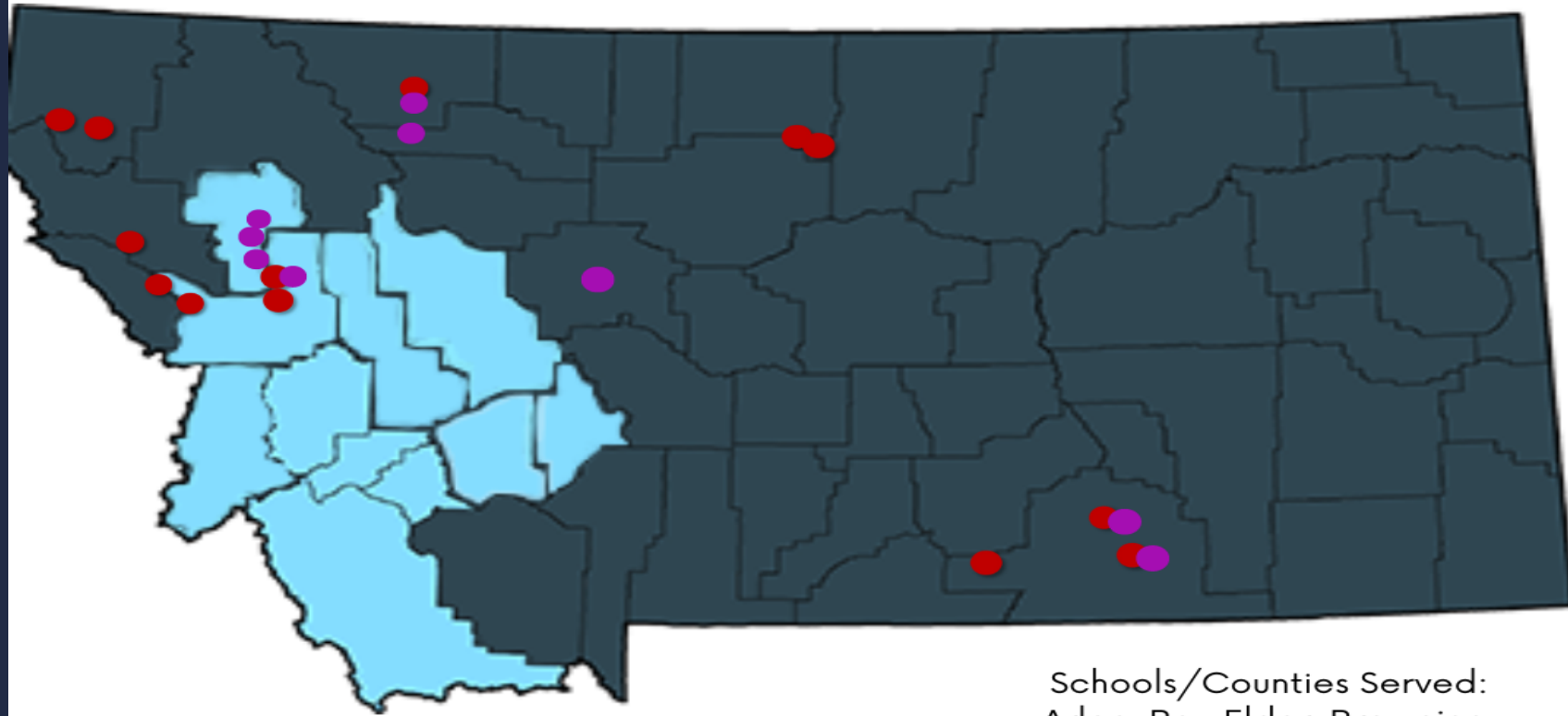
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Three Federal Programs



- Close to \$5 million annually
- GEAR UP Works with 15 different Middle and High Schools
- Montana Educational Talent Search Works in Four Target Areas
- Educational Opportunities Center Operates in 11 Counties
- 19 OCHE-Based and Remote Employees



GEAR UP School Districts 2017-2024

Montana Educational Talent Search

Educational Opportunity Center



Schools/Counties Served:
Arlee, Box Elder, Browning,
Hardin, Libby, Lodge Grass Pryor
Rocky Boy, St. Ignatius, St. Regis,
Superior, Thompson Falls Troy



Browning, Great Falls, Hardin,
Heart Butte, Lodge Grass,
Polson, TERS, Ronan, St. Ignatius



Beaverhead, Broadwater, Deer
Lodge, Granite, Jefferson, Lake,
Lewis and Clark, Missoula,
Powell, Ravalli, Silver Bow



Current Statewide Initiatives

- Free Statewide ACT for all Montana High School Juniors
- Free Statewide Pre ACT for all Montana Sophomores
- Outreach to High Schools to support:
 - College Application Weeks
 - FAFSA Completion
 - Decision Day
 - Complete the Application Process (CAP)
- 1-2 Free Funding



Montana GEAR UP

- 7 Year Grant
 - Current grant expires September 30, 2024
- Entering new grant cycle
 - Grant application underway
- Helps set statewide college access priorities and focus for next seven years



Future Statewide Initiatives

- Outreach to High Schools to support:
 - College Application Weeks
 - FAFSA Completion
 - Decision Day
 - Complete the Application Process (CAP)
- 1-2 Free Funding
- Subgrants for Student Success



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