



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF  
PHILADELPHIA

Results from Senior Exit Surveys  
Completed by Graduating Students in the  
Educational Options Program (EOP) 2016-2017

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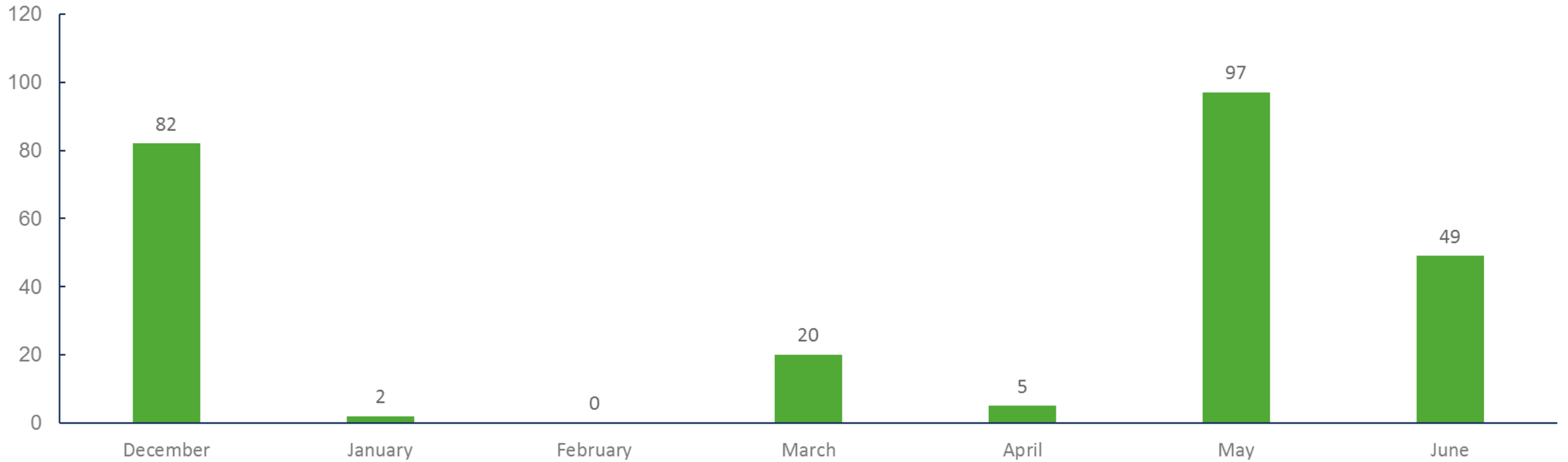
# Educational Options Program (EOP)

- Formerly known as Twilight School
- EOP offers a second chance to adult students who have dropped out and/or who were unsuccessful in a traditional full-day high school setting
- EOP is the only free, accredited high school diploma-granting option for adults in Philadelphia who have “aged out” of the system
- EOP centers run on an annual calendar of three trimesters

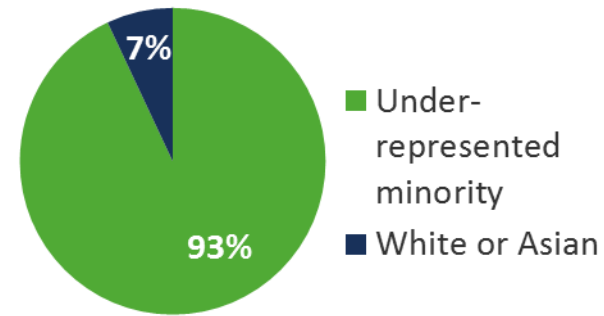
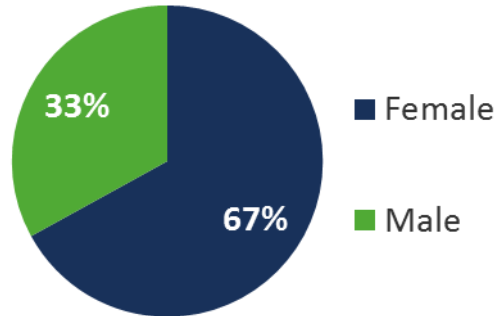
# Senior Exit Survey Overview: Purpose & Administration

- The State Department of Education requires each District to administer an exit survey to seniors
  - The primary purpose is to capture students' intentions after high school—specifically, whether they are planning to obtain additional education, employment, or to pursue other activities
- Through the Counseling for Access to Postsecondary Success (CAPS) program, the Office of Research and Evaluation (ORE) implemented an EOP Exit Survey during the 2016-2017 school year
  - First ever exit survey for EOP students
  - Hosted in Survey Monkey
  - Opened in December 2016
  - CAPS Coordinator/counselors were primarily responsible for ensuring that students completed the survey
  - Students who anticipated graduation were asked to take the survey

# EOP Senior Exit Survey: Student Responses



# Respondent Characteristics



**255**

completed responses from 4 EOP sites

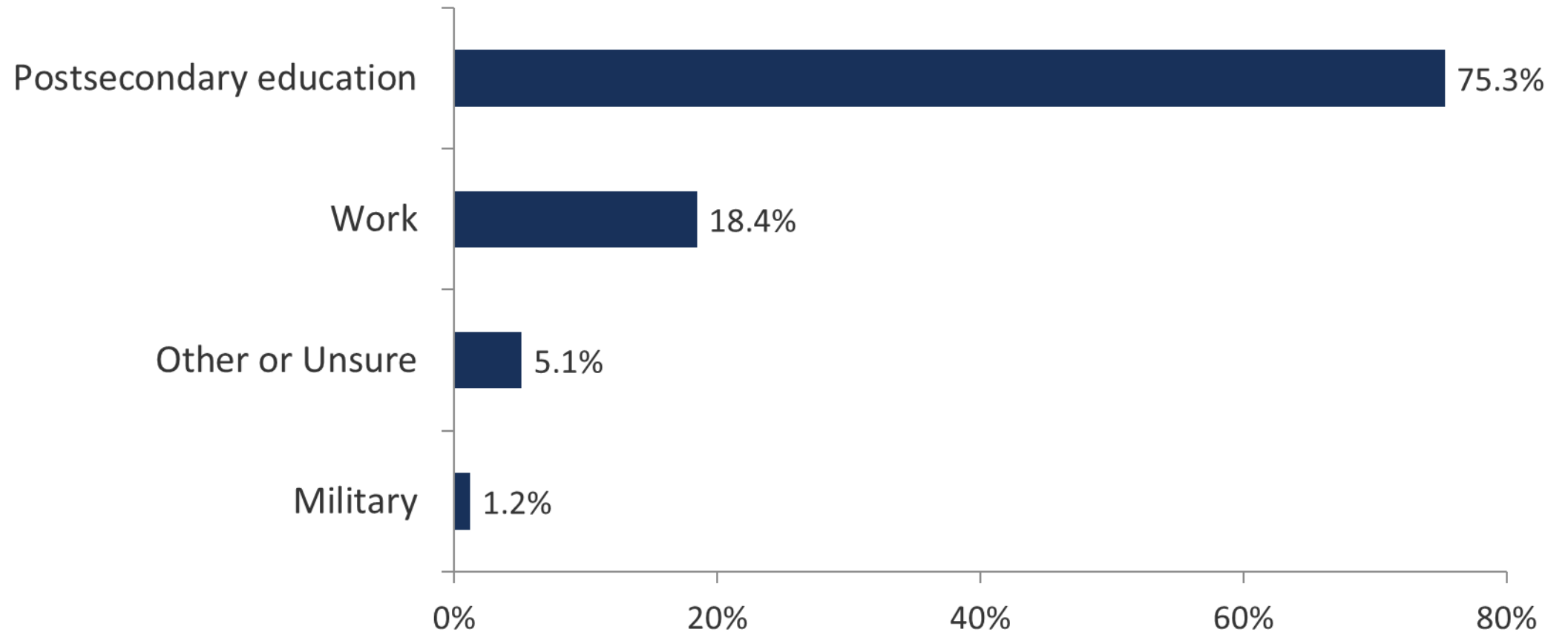
Includes responses from students with 12<sup>th</sup> grade status (by trimester)

Average age (26.7 years), median age (21 years), age range (18 to 71 years)

22% of survey participants self-reported that they applied for scholarships

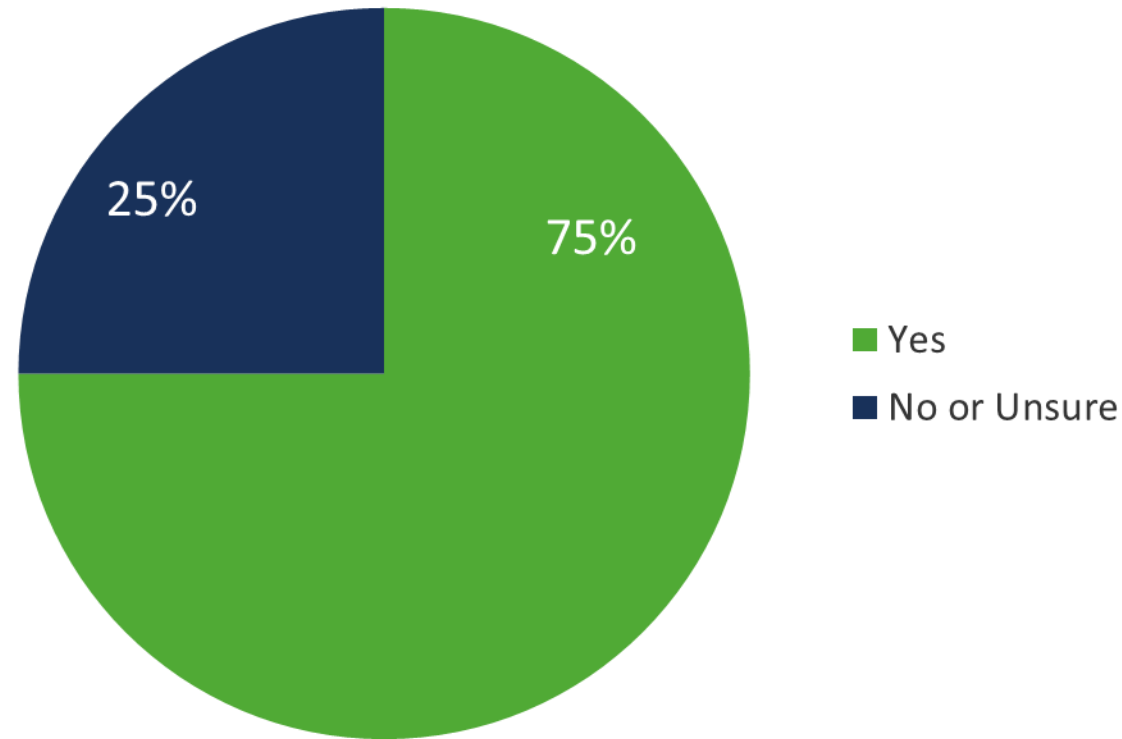
56% self-reported that they completed FAFSA

# Student Intent After High School Graduation

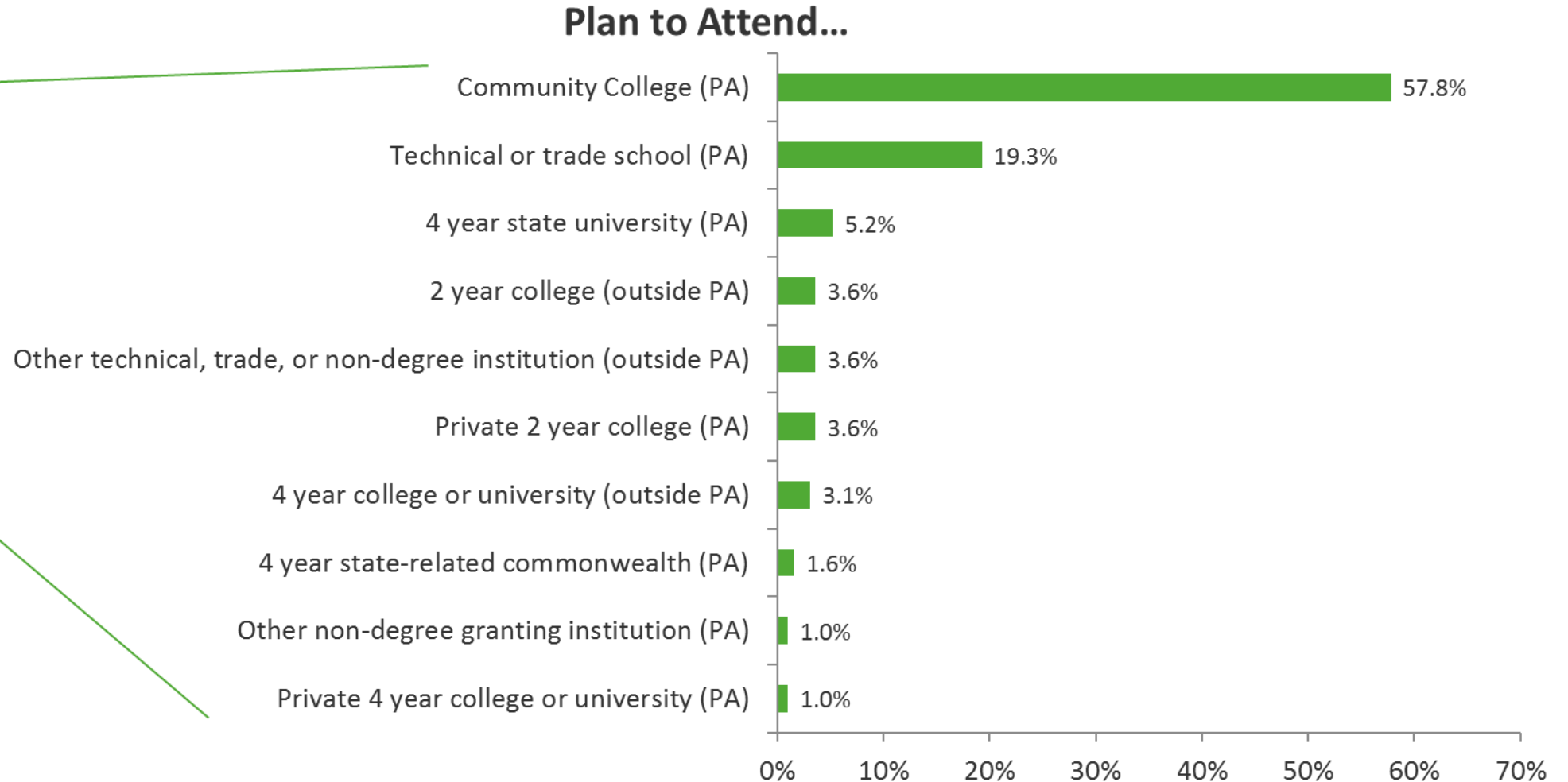
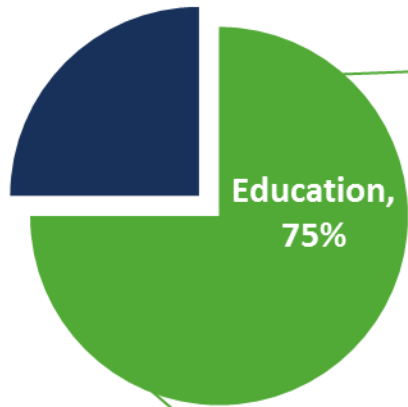


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Within one year of graduating high school, do you plan on beginning any additional education, such as college, technical training, or an apprenticeship?



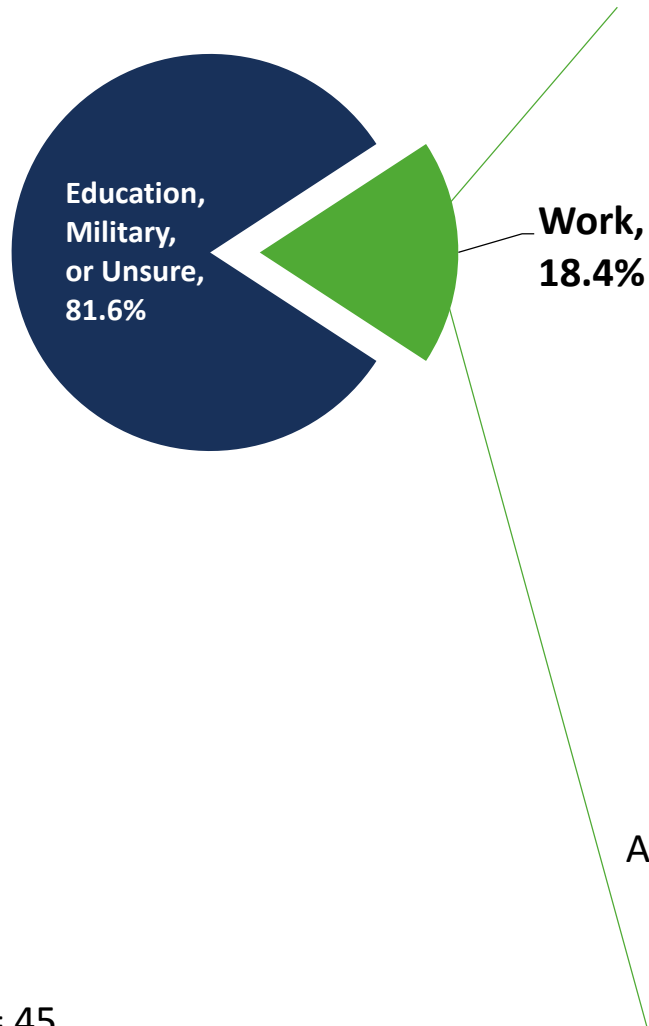
# Students Who Intend to Attend Postsecondary School within One Year



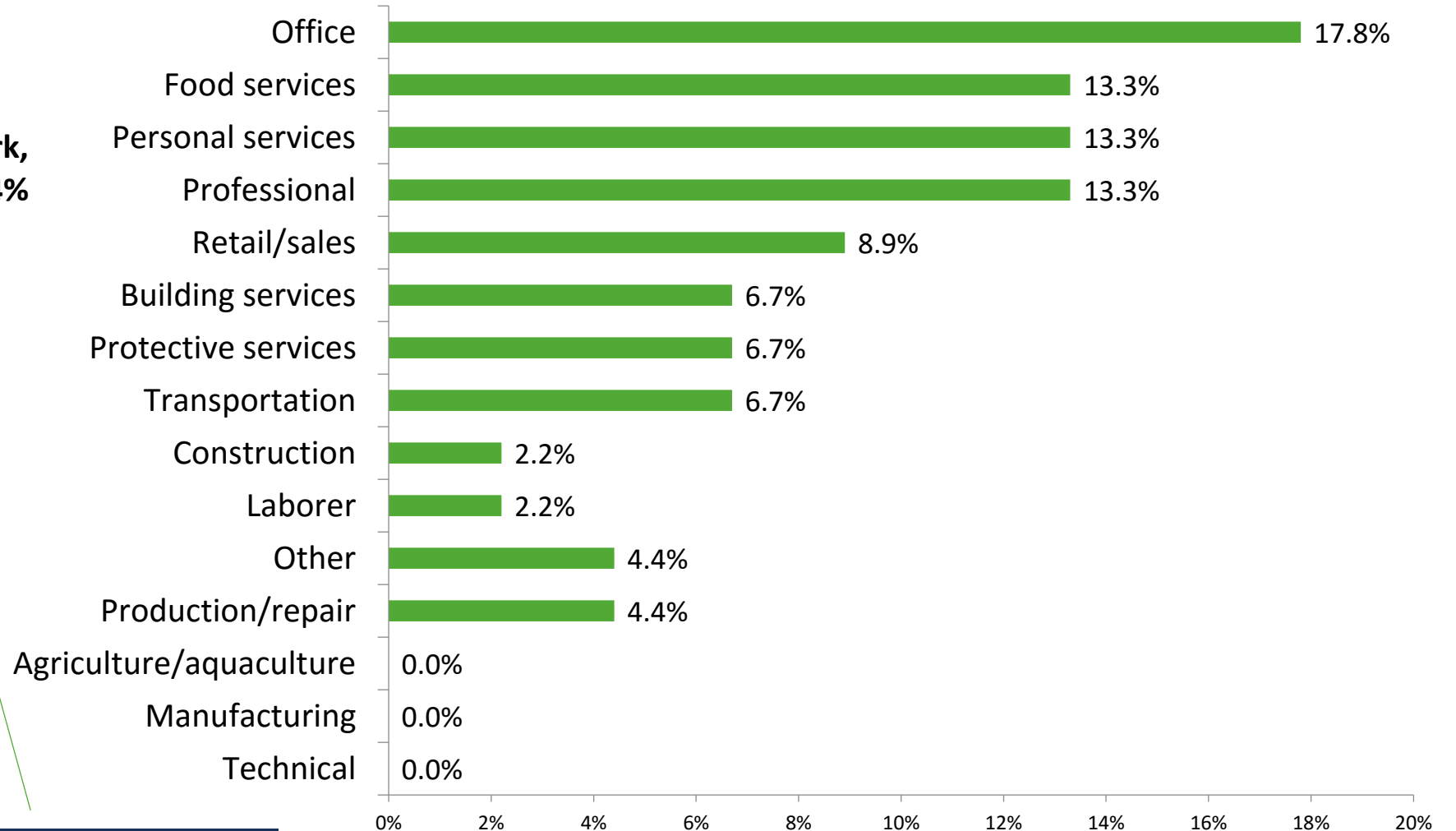
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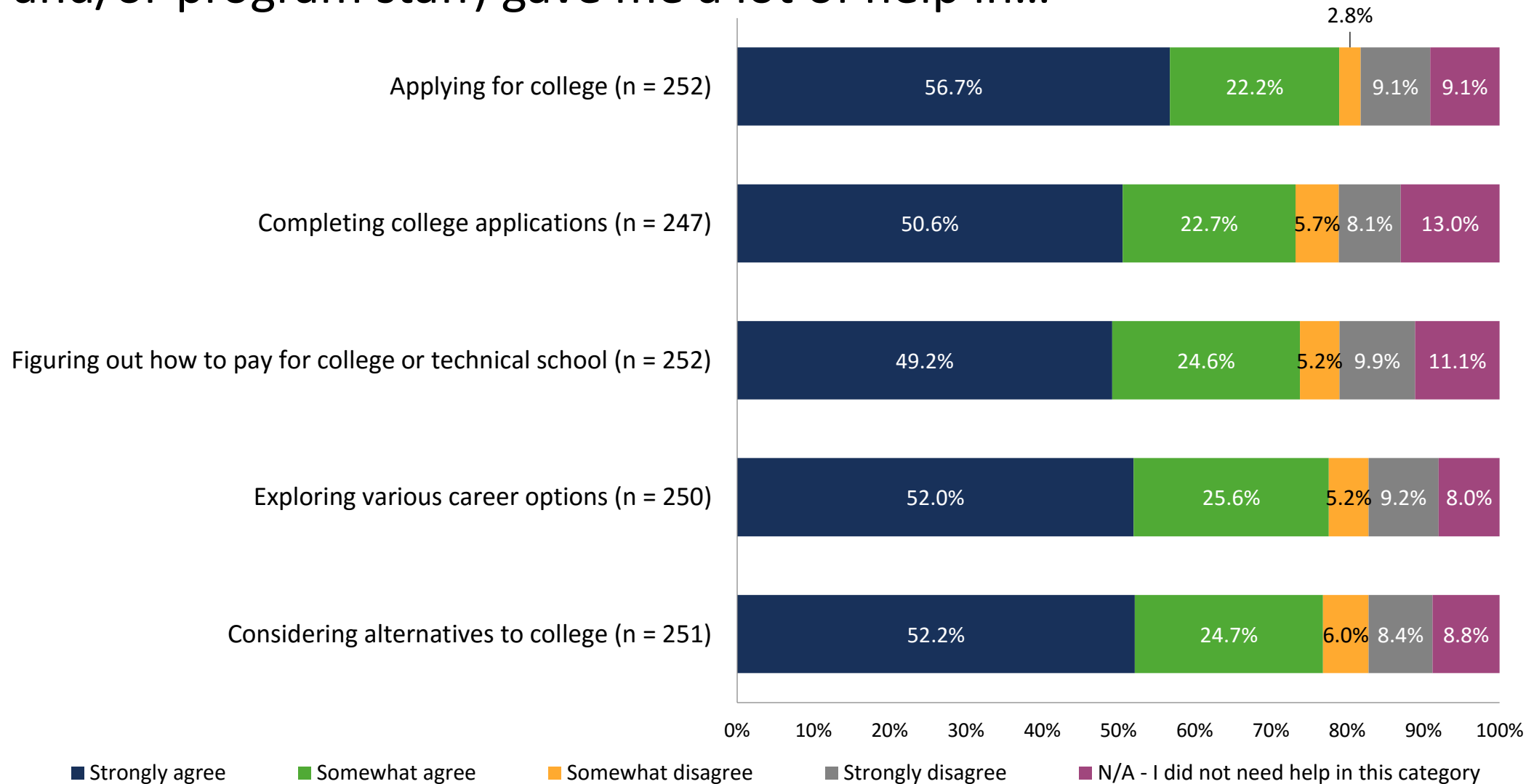


Which of the following best describes your plans for work?

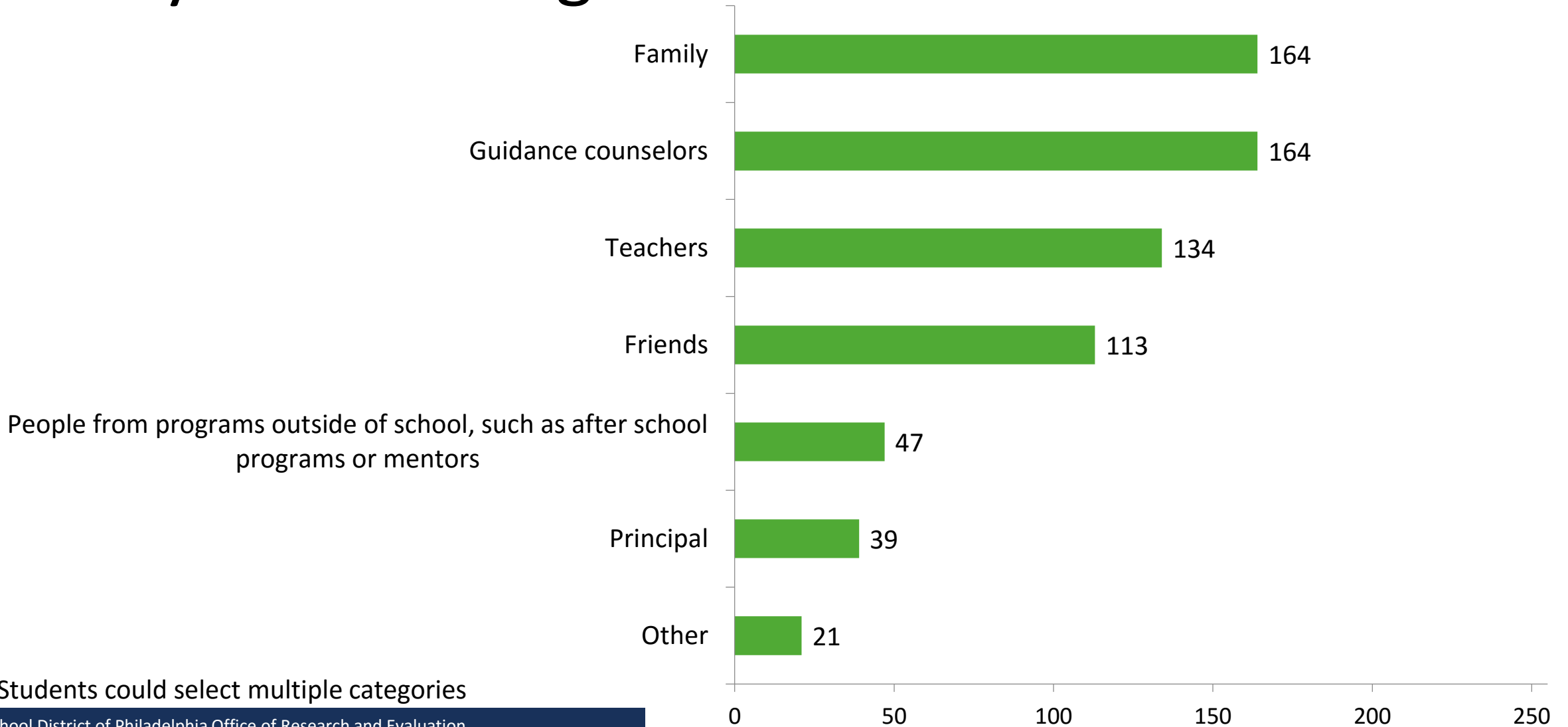


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# Adults at my school (including counselors, teachers, support staff, and/or program staff) gave me a lot of help in...



# The most important people helping me plan my life after high school were...<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Students could select multiple categories

# What additional support, if any, would you have liked to receive from your school while completing your high school diploma?

## Practical Support

“They should learn how different students work best.”

“More support for students whose first language isn't English.”

“housing”

“babysitting”

“transportation”

## Financial Planning

“... i would like more help with finding grants a scholarships”

“Financial aid”

“Learning about scholarships and how to apply for them”

“Financial classes”

“I would liked to have received assistance in completing my FAFSA...”

“I would like to know about any other funding that's available to me to help me pay for college.”

## Job & Career Planning

“job readiness”

“finding a job”

“More information on the military...”

“Career support”

“program for job readiness”

# Is there anything else you'd like to share about your experience at this EOP center?

## **My experience...**

“what i learned the most during my time here is discipline”

“My experience was great, whenever I needed help I got it.”

“they don't allow you give up, they push you”

“its a great experience if you focus on the task at hand, which is graduating.”

“Took me years to go back to school but I'm glad I did. It's a great program. Keep up the great work”

“...it provided me with the structure I needed to stay on track...The staff knew me by name and provided me with a sense that they actually cared which I valued greatly.”

## **EOP as a stepping stone...**

“That EOP help me to make my dream.”

“I loved Eop it help me get to the next step in my life.”

“...i knew i needed a diploma to live my life and get a job and i it seemed hard at first but it got easier after a while and now I'm done and i'll be graduating in June.”

“I absolutely love the program. EOP help me further my education as well as my future!”