



Juntos Wisconsin Status Report - Summer 2022

History

- Started in 2016 from an Extension Innovation grant pilot with one county with one Extension staff with a group of 24 families - 26 youth and 32 adults.
- Established state program in fall 2019 as a part of the Pathways to Access College & Employment State Team (PACE).
- Staff trained in family night programming and conducted first sessions as a cohort in 2020

Current status

- Juntos team comprised of 24 Community Youth Development, 4-H and Family Engagement and Relationships Educators from across 9 counties and two Extension Institutes
- 9 Juntos educators trained in the middle school family workshops and 7 educators trained in the high school family workshops.
- Over 300 youth served through Juntos so far across the state
- Active programming in 7 counties across the state

Successes

- First Juntos state to provide full virtual family night programming
- Has become a hub of Spanish language resources
- Built partnerships across the state, linking pre college programs, schools, families, and Latinx groups and organizations
- Building community and opening doors to first generation college students across the state

2016

First Juntos Family Night Sessions in Racine County

2017-18

Juntos Family Night Sessions expand in Racine County

2019

Juntos Wisconsin State program formed

2020

First staff cohort trained and first virtual programs begun

2021

Multiple virtual statewide programs offered monthly. First in-person programs begin around the state

2022

In-person Family Nights and 4-H clubs form in 5 counties with over 300 youth and parents served to date



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Challenges

- Funding, capacity, and establishing a sustainable structure within Extension
- Team organization is conducted by county educators
- Implementing programming requires trust, maintaining long-term relationships and regular contact for continuity
- Outreach to new populations requires additional skills (including system mapping, managing interpretation, cultural competency), specialist support (local or state level) and time commitment for educators

Future Outlook

- Continue building local, regional and state partnerships
- Train current staff in Juntos and hire bilingual staff at state and local levels
- Secure stable funding
- Adopt 4-H club, campus experience, and mentorship components
- Expand program to new counties that have Latinx populations

Our Ask

- Funding for state staff/grad student support on Evaluation and Communications/Outreach
 - Impact statements, communications support, partner outreach
- Seed funding for part-time Juntos Coordinators in key identified counties who are bilingual
- A formalized home for Juntos that crosses over between the Positive Youth Development and Human Development and Relationship Institutes

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