



Best Practices for Higher Education

Title of Best Practice: Food and Housing Needs Survey

Which category does this practice fall under? Check all that apply.

	Enrollment Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help with enrollment process • Encouragement to seek post-secondary education
	FAFSA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determinations • Redeterminations
X	Identification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness of homeless youth on campus – among faculty, staff, and administrators • Awareness of homeless youth on campus – among students
X	Supports for Basic Needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food • School supplies
X	Supports for Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-campus solutions • Off-campus solutions
	Supports for Academic and Emotional Needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic advising • Counseling services
	Campus Service Projects

Where did this practice/information come from? Where was it implemented?
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Description of practice
This survey seeks to understand issues of housing and food insecurity among students at UMass Boston. This project explores student vulnerabilities that may act as barriers to academic success in this urban, public university.
A mixture of undergraduate and graduate classes were randomly selected during the Spring 2014 semester.
Participants for the survey were recruited through these classes.
Confidentiality was maintained throughout data collection.
How long has this practice been in place?
Since Spring 2014.
What have been the positive outcomes of this practice? What impact has it had on UHY?

What level of effort is required to implement this practice?
What level of effort is required to sustain this practice?
How is this practice funded?
How is this practice sustained?
Who should be involved?
What have been the challenges to implementation? How have those challenges been addressed? Do you have any advice or tips for others implementing this practice?
Related web links
UMASS Boston Food Pantry - http://www.umb.edu/life_on_campus/uaccess/food_pantry
Description of attached documents