

**Mission**

The Mission of the Juntos Program is to help Latino students achieve high school graduation and attend higher education.

**History**

Juntos (pronounced “Who-n-toes”) means “Together” in Spanish and works to unite community partners to provide Latino 8-12th grade students and their parents with knowledge, skills, and resources to prevent youth from dropping out and to encourage families to work together to gain access to college. Research shows that Latino youth are at greatest risk for dropping out of school between 9th and 10th grade. The Juntos program reduces this risk by bringing together cohorts of 8th-grade students, families, and the community at large. The goal is to empower and support youth in their efforts to finish high school and prepare them to pursue higher education. The multifaceted partnerships between Extension’s 4-H & FCS agents, school administration and staff, local organizations, college administrators, and other community volunteers are what make the Juntos program a sustainable success in many communities across the U.S.

**People**

- Two full time and one part-time state-level professionals
- Grant paid staff (program assistant, evaluator, sustainability coordinator)
- One to two graduate students
- Five part-time county coordinators (number based on grants and community partnerships)
- Numerous work-study students, volunteers, liaisons, community partners, and facilitators

**Facilities**

The office is physically located on campus in the building formerly known as Daniels Hall, 111 Lampe Drive, Rooms 346 and 348. Coordinators meet middle school and high school students and their families at their respective schools.

**Activities****Juntos Family Engagement**

- 6-week High School Workshop Series
- 5-week Middle School Workshop
- Additional Juntos Family Nights and Family events through the school year

**Juntos One-on-One Success Coaching and/or Mentoring**

- Providing academic focus case management

**Juntos 4-H Clubs**

- Tutoring, public speaking, life skills, stem, career focus experience, and civic engagement
- Field trips and events
- Extracurricular activities

**Summer Programming**

- Summer Academy at NC State
- Local 4-H Summer Programming
- Connection to local and statewide events

**Participation**

- **In 2018, 281 students** were served in the following counties: Catawba, Pender, Sampson, Wayne, and Wake. On average, **100% of our Juntos students graduated from high school with 52.4% enrolling in higher education.**
- **In 2019, 314 students** were served in the following counties: Wayne, Wake, Sampson, Pender, Yadkin, Catawba, and Bladen. On average, **100% of our students graduated from high school with 59.1% enrolling in higher education.**

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