



## October is College Month!

### Guide your Students to College Success

In 2008, Mayor Menino launched *Success Boston*, a college completion initiative aimed at dramatically increasing the number of BPS students completing college, in partnership with the Boston Public Schools, the Boston Foundation, and area non-profits, colleges, and universities. If you have been wondering how your organization can get involved in promoting college access and success at your Out of School Time program, College Month offers a great opportunity to do so.

#### 1. Talk

- Ask your students about their college plans
- Create frequent & regular opportunities for discussion about college
- Include parents & families in the college search

#### 2. Share

- Host your own "Represent Your Alma Mater Day"
- Share your personal college experiences
- Provide students with reasons for & evidence of the importance of college

#### 3. Explore

- Schedule visits to local colleges & universities
- Encourage students to look at online college guides & catalogs
- Guide students in their research of college options

#### 4. Encourage

- Be aware of your students' academic & emotional anxieties around college
- Guide your students towards existing resources
- Assist students in being intentional & proactive

#### 5. Plan

- Help students organize deadlines & requirements
- Create a list/chart of college options with your students
- Remind students about important dates & events

#### 6. Participate

- Attend events & offerings organized by BPS for College Month
- Integrate your work with the Success Boston initiative
- Connect with us online!

For more details on the *Success Boston* initiative:

1. Visit our website at [www.successboston.org](http://www.successboston.org)
2. Contact Nahir Torres ([nahir.torres@tbf.org](mailto:nahir.torres@tbf.org) or 617-338-4276)

**THANK YOU** for all you do to advance college readiness & success among Boston's youth!