



Talent Search for School Completion

What is the level of evidence?

This practice was identified by the Institute of Education Sciences as having potentially positive effects for school completion. It is labeled by NTACT as a Promising Practice. *More information on NTACT's process for identifying effective practices is available here: [NTACT's Effective Practices](#).*

What is the practice?

Talent Search aims to help low-income and first-generation college students (those whose parents do not have four-year college degrees) complete high school and gain access to college through a combination of services designed to improve academic achievement and increase access to financial aid.

Where is the best place to find out how to do this practice?

The What Works Clearinghouse at IES provides this information:

http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wWc/pdf/intervention_reports/WWC_Talent_Search_122806.pdf.

Additional information here: <http://ctv.jhu.edu/talent/>.

References used to establish this evidence base:

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