

KEYS PROGRAM FAST FACTS

- The Keystone Education Yields Success (KEYS) program, funded and administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare (DPW), supports parents receiving TANF or SNAP benefits who are enrolled in certificate or degree programs in Pennsylvania's 14 community colleges.
- The KEYS program began in 2004.
- Since its inception, the KEYS program at Delaware County Community College (DCCC) has served approximately 1200 students.
- Annually, DCCC's KEYS program serves an average of 275 students. It is the second largest program (behind Philadelphia) in the State.
- The DCCC KEYS program serves students who reside in Delaware County, Chester County, Montgomery County, Lehigh County, and the city of Philadelphia.
- On average, KEYS graduates earn an hourly salary of \$14.77 compared with \$8.00 an hour by former and current participants in other DPW programs.
- Program services include:
 - Liaison with County Assistance Office to facilitate supportive services for participants
 - Tutoring
 - Career counseling and course advising
 - Workshops
 - Referrals to community-based services
 - Special recognition for academic excellence
 - Service at all DCCC campuses in Delaware and Chester Counties
- Over 20 KEYS participants have been induced into Phi Theta Kappa, the College's chapter of a national honor society.
- In 2009, a KEYS participant was selected by the College to serve as the student Commencement speaker (based on academic excellence).
- In 2012, a KEYS participant was selected as the recipient of the Edith Garlow Poetry Award, a prestigious annual competition at Delaware County Community College.
- In Spring 2013, 36% of KEYS participants earned a GPA of 2.5 or higher and 75% completed all classes in which they were registered for the semester.