



project discovery
of Virginia

About Project Discovery

Background

Started in Virginia in 1979, Project Discovery is a statewide dropout prevention, college access program organized as a 501(c) (3) Community Action Agency

Serving economically challenged and/or, first generation college aspirants, our voluntary after-school program promotes higher education as a means to overcome poverty

The Commonwealth has funded Project Discovery through DOE since 1986; in FY 2011, state base funding leveraged more than \$1.0 million in additional support

Program

Through a curriculum of workshops and seminars, local agencies provide students with a supportive network of educators, business leaders and peers

Working in 56 school districts and 122 schools, Project Discovery serves more than 2,000 students each year (Please see our Service Area Map)

While Project Discovery students are from academically at-risk populations, without requiring minimum program participation standards, in the last 14 years over 86% of Project Discovery students have been accepted into post secondary educational institutions

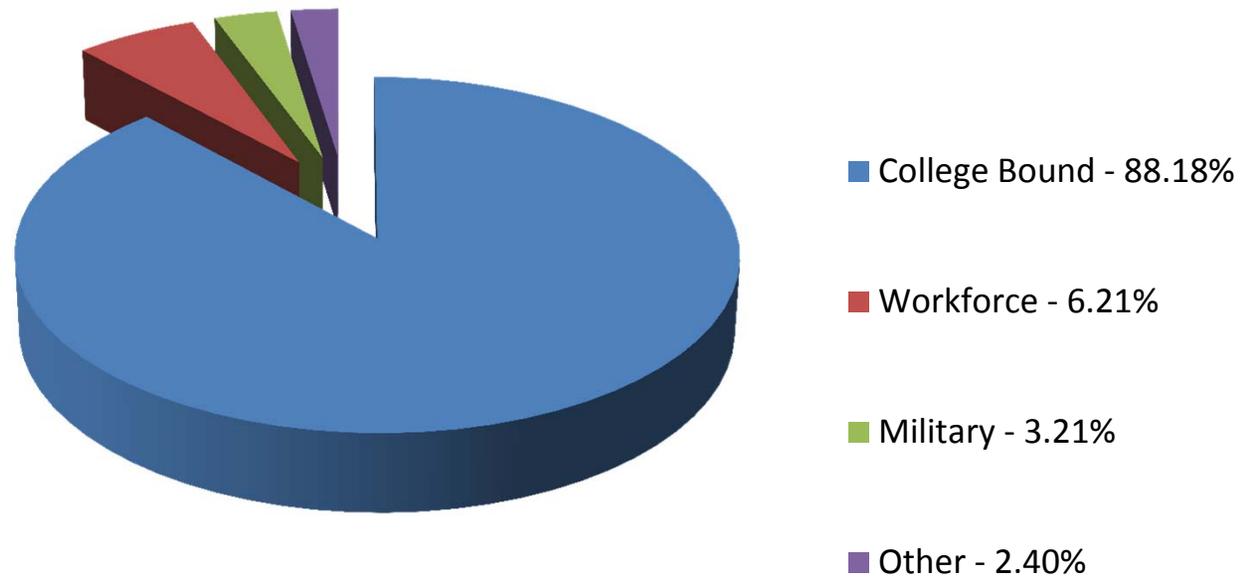
Program

Project Discovery is proven and replicable: the program works in partnership with other community resources to reinforce the advantages of a college education

Project Discovery is an afterschool program that provides:

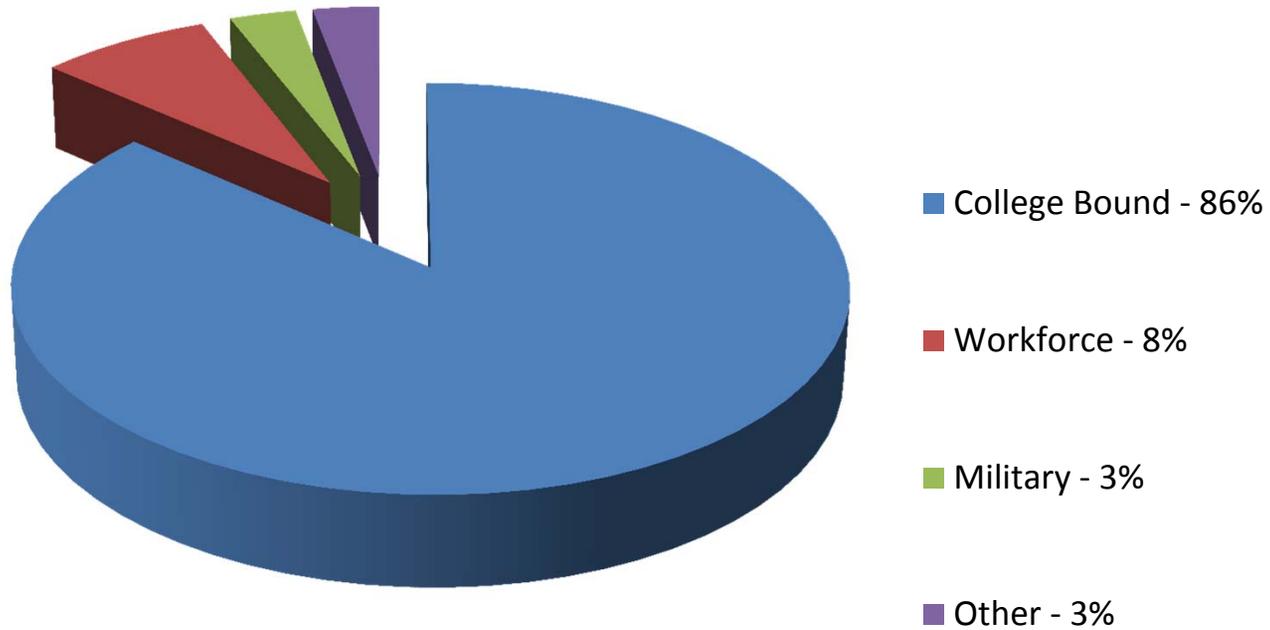
- ✓ Mentoring
- ✓ Financial Literacy
- ✓ Time Management and Planning Skills
- ✓ Study Skills
- ✓ Assistance with College Financial Aid (FAFSA) and Scholarship Applications
- ✓ College Campus Visits
- ✓ SAT/ACT fee waivers
- ✓ Community volunteer opportunities

2010 – 2011 RESULTS



499 Graduates – 440 College Bound – 31 Workforce – 16 Military – 12 Undecided

1997 - 2011 RESULTS



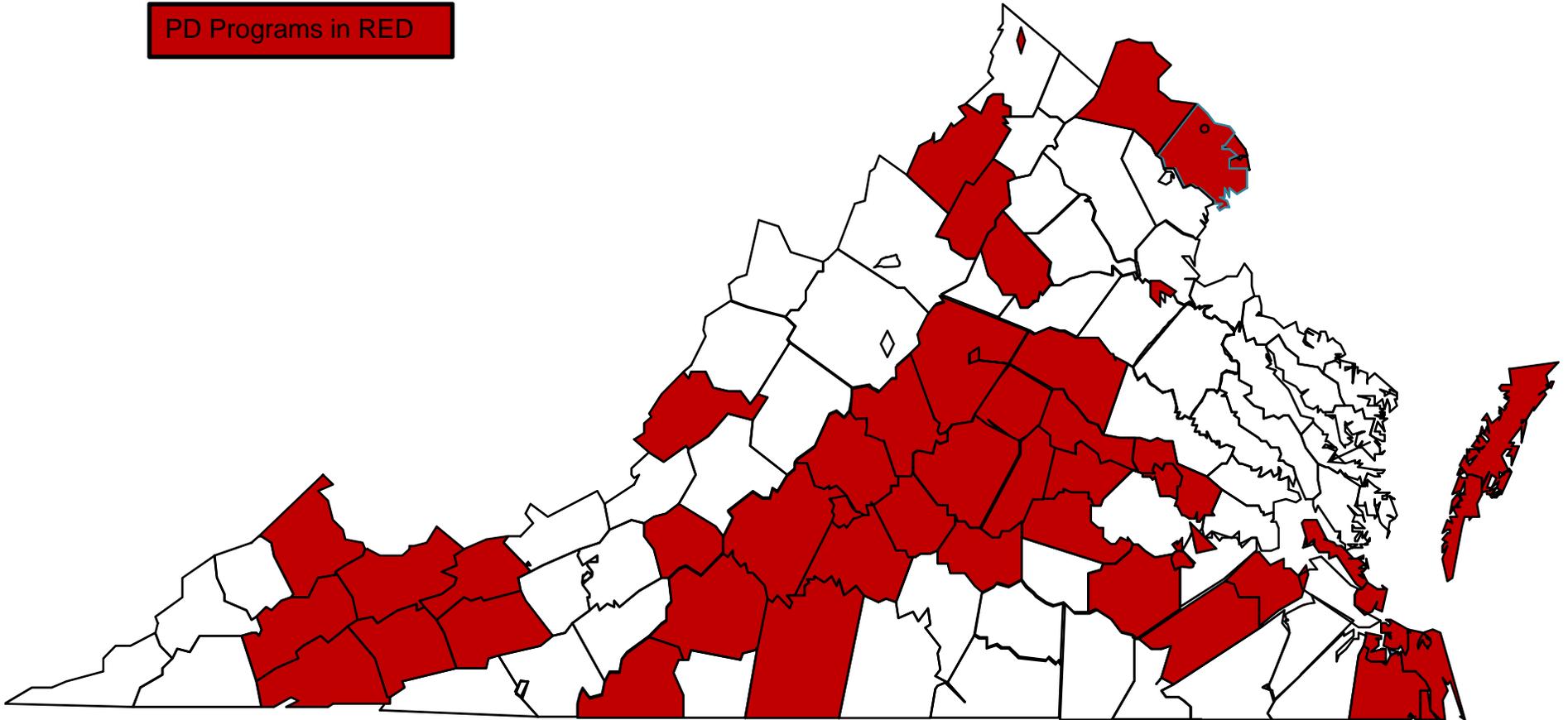
8,150 High School Graduates

FY 2011 Student Profile:

- ✓ 64% female; 36% male
- ✓ 70% Black; 20% White; 5% Hispanic; 5% Other
- ✓ 92% are under income, first generation college students, or both

Project Discovery of Virginia Service Areas 2012

PD Programs in RED



Project Discovery Counties and Cities Served 2012

COUNTIES OF:

Accomack
Albemarle
Alleghany Highlands
Amelia
Amherst
Appomattox
Arlington
Bedford
Bland
Buchanan
Campbell
Cumberland
Dinwiddie
Fairfax
Fluvanna
Franklin
Goochland
Henrico
James City

Loudoun
Louisa
Nelson
Northampton
Page
Patrick
Pittsylvania
Powhatan
Prince Edward
Roanoke
Russell
Shenandoah
Smyth
Surry
Sussex
Tazewell
Washington
Wythe

CITIES OF:

Alexandria
Bedford
Bristol
Charlottesville
Chesapeake
Colonial Heights
Covington
Danville
Fairfax
Fredericksburg
Hampton
Lynchburg
Newport News
Norfolk
Petersburg
Portsmouth
Richmond
Roanoke
Salem
Williamsburg
Winchester