

MAKING EDUCATION WORK FOR LATINAS (video attached)

Research conducted by the Civil Rights Project at UCLA, commissioned by the E.Longoria Foundation.

## The study found a number of important "levers" for improving educational outcomes:

-Having more Latina/o teachers leads to significantly higher rates of college going for Latinas.

-Maintaining bilingual skills is associated with a higher rate of college going.

-Feeling confident about math and doing well in it leads to higher rates of high school completion and college going.

-Being involved in extracurricular activities in school is associated with successful high school graduation and college going, and in turn appears to be related to developing a sense of belonging in school.

-Having a strong personal belief about completing high school and going to college predicts actually doing so.

-Peers with knowledge and aspirations to go to college is associated with college-going

## Each of these findings suggests many potential actionable policies.

## Examples:

- -Recruit/support the development of more Latina/o teachers/counselors. -Support the development of bilingualism and biliteracy.
- -Emphasize math development and support for Latinas.
- -Attach every Latina student to an extracurricular activity that can bind her to school, e.g., music, art, sports, service clubs, student government.
- -Help parents support their daughters' belief that they will complete high school and go onto college through programs that target Latinas and their families.
- -Provide opportunities for Latinas to have greater contact with mainstream peers through magnet schools and programs.

http://civilrightsproject.ucla.edu/research/college-access/underrepresented-students/making-education-work-for-latinas-in-the-u.s

