No Excuses: Moving Students from Poverty to Completion
Texas Today

- 8th poorest in U.S.
- 4.4 million in poverty
- 26% children live in poverty
60% AC students live in Poverty
Poverty Training

- Trained all Faculty and Staff
- Hosted Poverty Summit for Elected Officials
- Hosted Poverty Summit for 1200 area teachers

www.combarriers.com/ToolsOverview
“A Can of Worms”
Top Ten Student Needs:

- Transportation
- Shelter
- Legal
- Utilities
- Food
- Clothing
- Childcare
- Medical / Dental / Vision
- Emergency Referral
- Counseling
Systemic Response to our Students in Need
Social Service Coordinator

• Served over 520 students in one year

http://www.actx.edu/resources/
Early Alert System

- 1405 Alerts in year one
Food Pantry

• 717 visits in one year

• Expanded to three AC Campuses
Benefit Bank

- $1.3M back to community
- $200,000 to AC students

http://www.thebenefitbank.org/
Champions/Coaches

• Mentoring Program for Under-Resourced Students

• Fall 2012 cohort: 92% retention rate

• 190 students in one year
No Excuses Plan: Moving Students from Poverty to Completion