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Program helps 'at-risk' students regain sense of self-worth, esteem

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Middle school- and high school-level students who may not graduate can now receive help through At-Risk, a set of programs implemented in Springfield and Eugene school districts, said a panel of educators at the University on Wednesday.

Students who are termed at-risk may start off in elementary school with few writing skills, peer problems and high absentee rates in school, said Gary Kessler, a teacher-liaison with the At-Risk program in the Springfield School District.

"We traditionally work with

kids who are in a really tough-type situation," Kessler said.

At-risk students often perceive themselves as having low scholastic abilities, a myth that usually begins in elementary school because of low self-esteem, Kessler said.

"After awhile their perception is a fact — they are behind — but not because they don't have the ability," he said.

"An at-risk student is any young person...who has no probability, or very little probability, of ever reaching their potential to live a fulfilled, friendly kind of life," said Barbara Long, who works with at-risk students at Hamlin and Springfield middle schools.

The Springfield School District has been trying to deal with the problem of drop-out students with programs such as Impact Training, the Teen Parent Program, high school intervention specialists and elementary school counselor aides, he said.

"This year we have chosen a goal to work with at-risk students...so we're trying to take this whole thing and put it under an umbrella," Kessler said.

Part of the larger focus of the program is to train teachers to deal with at-risk students in the classroom, he said.

"Our teachers don't need a new program or curricula — they need to learn how to work with the kids they've got," Kessler said.

Educators need to teach students a sense of self-worth, Long said. For an at-risk program to work, there needs to be a low student/teacher ratio, and the teachers need to promote high expectations and be a consistent role model, she said.

Linda Johnston, who teaches at-risk students at Thurston and Briggs middle schools in

Springfield, promotes goal-setting, trust, understanding, coping and human growth and development with her students.

She uses versions of popular game shows, encouragement techniques, role-playing and awards to teach her students self-worth — one of the most important aspects in a student's education, Johnston said.

Linda Potter, the Eugene coordinator of Project Success at Winston Churchill High School, works with a small group of 20 students compared with the 350 students that most counselors have, she said.

North Eugene and Churchill high schools received a grant last year to work with at-risk students, with the immediate goal of building a student's trust and then working out their problems individually, Potter said.

"You're dealing with so many kinds of things, but very soon the support level begins to build...and they've not really had that before," she said.

The curricula for at-risk students in Eugene differ from that offered in Springfield in that communication is stressed more in Eugene's program, she said.

"It's just that little push they need...and sometimes the classroom teacher or the counselor doesn't have time to give," Potter said.

Eugene's program also stresses employment for students, and the students learn resume writing and interview skills, she said.

Potter also allows food in the classroom because "it's just incredible how much better things go if there are snacks there," she said. "In some cases they haven't eaten, or they won't eat otherwise."

Potter's students also occasionally take field trips, she said.

"Sometimes these kids don't really know how to have fun and relax...it's fun for them to let go and be kids," Potter said.

Johnston has seen changes in her students over the past few months, including improved physical appearance and better group interaction, she said.

Students, parents and teachers have given the program a positive response, she said.

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