Williams Baptist College is not located in an ethnically diverse community. However, the WTEP is continually looking for opportunities to provide teacher candidates with quality experiences in teaching diverse learners. The surrounding diversity that is present, is embraced by the WTEP and utilized to improve the teaching skills and dispositions of the teacher candidates. An example is the Lawrence County Children’s Shelter that is located in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas. The student members of the Williams Education Organization have volunteered time and resources to improve the education and lives of the affected children in the shelter. In addition, the Williams Education Organization and WTEP faculty assist in facilitating a “backpack program” for local P-12 students. This program provides critical food to economically disadvantaged families, specifically P-12 students. The food for the “backpack program” is housed and packaged in the Education Office. During the Christmas Season, student members of the Williams Education Organization select elementary age students who are identified as disadvantaged and provided them with educational gifts and care. WTEP teacher candidates are provided the opportunity to tutor economically disadvantaged students in local P-12 schools.

Currently, the WTEP Faculty Council is discussing beneficial opportunities and teaching practices that can improve the teacher candidates’ knowledge, skills, and professional disposition necessary to help all students learn. Some of the possible opportunities include:

1. Develop a lab school for local home schooled children.
2. Utilize technology resources to gain classroom experiences with ethnically diverse learners.
3. Develop a WTEP sponsored Mission Trip over spring break to work with P-12 ethnically diverse learners.
4. Provide additional clinical experiences with P-12 special needs students.