FOSTER YOUTH COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY CAMPUS SUPPORT

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FOSTER YOUTH SUCCESS INITIATIVE

A partnership of the California Community College Chancellor’s Office and the Foundation for California Community Colleges

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• In 2006, the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office (CCCCO) identified a statewide need for support of foster youth students on community college campuses throughout the state.

• As a result, the FYSI was built through a collaborative effort between the CCCCCO, the Foundation for California Community Colleges, and various partners and stakeholders.

• Currently, the FYSI is implemented through FYSI Liaisons at each of the 113 community college campuses throughout the state.
FYSI Background & History

FYSI Partners

- Chancellor’s Office
- Foundation for California Community Colleges
- Walter S. Johnson Foundation
- Community College Campuses
- John Burton Advocates for Youth
- California College Pathways
- California Student Aid Commission
- California Department of Social Services
- And many more…
Connecting foster youth to higher education is important because:

- Significantly higher income and job stability
- Lower incarceration rates
- Improved health outcomes
- Higher levels of civic participation including volunteering and voting
- Improved academic achievement of future generations

(College Board, 2004. The Benefits of Higher Education for Individuals and Society)
FYSI aims to improve:

- Access to student and academic support service and resources
- Term-to-term retention rates
- Academic performance
- Completion of certificate and degree programs
- Transfer rates to baccalaureate

(Herman, 1997. Trauma and Recovery)
FYSI Organization
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Each of the 113 California community college campuses has at least one FYSI Liaison, some have 2 or 3 Liaisons in various departments - EOPS, Financial Aid, etc.

The FYSI Liaison is the main point of contact for foster youth students.

The FYSI Liaison is specially trained to be considerate of and equipped for the unique needs of foster youth students.
The FYSI Liaison connects the foster youth student to a network of support.

FYSI Liaison Role

- Financial Aid Support
- Academic Support and Career Exploration
- Healthy Community of Support
- On-Campus Support Programs
- Community Resources
- Physical & Mental Health
Questions?

To find out more about FYSI or to find out who the FYSI Liaison is on a campus near you, please contact

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or visit
http://extranet.cccco.edu/Divisions/StudentServices/FosterYouthSuccessInitiatives.aspx
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Access - Making Money vs School?

• Alternative routes
  Online classes
  Short term classes
  Pace program
  Open entry classes

• Non-credit skill building programs

• CTE training

• On campus employment
Start Matriculation Process Early

Now Enrolling!

Assessment

Orientation

Education Plan

JOHN BURTON ADVOCATES FOR YOUTH
Priority Registration

Eligibility requirement for priority registration at community college and CSU’s expanded with SB 906:

Effective January 1, 2017 eligibility requirement expanded from students who were in foster care on or after their 18th birthday and under age 24 to foster youth who were in foster care on or after their 16th birthday and under the age of 26.

*Not all schools may be aware of the newly expanded eligibility requirement*
Start with Student Services
Alphabet Soup Decoded

**EOPS**
Extended Opportunity Programs and Services

- “Over and above” services to students with academic and financial need as mandated by the state
- Most current and former foster youth qualify

**CARE**
Cooperative Agencies and Resources for Education

- Single, head of household student with a child under age 14 who also utilizes CalWORKs/TANF funds as income assistance

**Next Up (CAFYES)**
Cooperative Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support Program

- Support education success, health and well-being of foster youth in California community colleges (26 colleges)
EOPS / CARE / CAFYES (Next Up) Services

- Academic and personal counseling; Emotional support
- Books & supplies
- Seminars & workshops
- Meal cards, bus passes, gas cards
- Tutoring
- Cultural events
- Agency and community referrals
Foster Youth Campus Support Programs
cacollegepathways.org

CAFYES - part of EOPS at 26 colleges (New name: “Next Up”)
Or - Look for foster youth program
Various names: “Guardian Scholars,” “Promise Scholars,” “Inspiring Scholars”…
CalWORKs: California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids

- Academic, Career and Personal Counseling, Tutorial Assistance
- Pre- and Post-Employment Assistance
- Work-Study Opportunities
- Childcare Assistance
- Emergency Transportation Assistance
- Community Resource Referrals
DSPS: Disabled Student Programs and Services

- Priority consideration for reduced unit load for full-time status
- Note-taking assistance
- Special test-taking conditions: extra time, quiet environment
- Interpreters
- Assistive technology
How will I pay for this?

Financial Aid: Pell Grant, Cal Grants, scholarships

EOPS, CARE, (some programs offer need based grants)

Foster Youth Programs: CAFYES, Guardian Scholars, EOPS

CA Community Colleges Board of Governors (BOG) Fee Waiver

Complete the FAFSA

Undocumented Complete AB540 DACA Affidavit + CA Dream Act application
How will I pay for this?

**Childcare**
- Campus child development centers, CalWorks, CAFYES, CARE

**Transportation**
- College agreement with local transit agency
- Special programs may offer metro passes, gas cards

**Food**
- EOPS, CARE, CAFYES, Guardian Scholars, College Food Pantry, CalFresh (EOPS students exempt from work requirement)
How will I pay for this?

**Work Opportunities**
- Work study on-campus employment
- CalWorks work-study for students with children

**Book Assistance**
- EOPS, CalWorks, TRIO programs
- Foster youth programs: Guardian scholars, CAFYES
- Special academic programs: Learning communities, Freshman Academy
How do I take care of myself?

**College Health Center**
Physical and Mental Health services and referrals
Many foster youth qualify for Medicaid and may need help applying

**DSPS**
Whether or not you believe you have a disability – can help with anxiety, PTSD

**Special Programs**
- Puente, Umoja, MESA;
- Foster youth programs: CAFYES, Guardian Scholars
- Student clubs and organizations
How will I succeed?

**DSPS**
- Addressing disabilities supports academic success

**Academic Counseling**
- Varies across campus: “First year experience,” general counseling; specialty counselors - Guardian Scholars, CAFYES, EOPS

**Faculty**
- Go to office hours, make appointments
- Shows interest and commitment

**Tutoring**
- Varying types: Individual, group, embedded, separate

**Mentoring**
- Don't wait until having difficulty
How will I succeed?

Begin: Academic Counseling

End: Academic Counseling
Foster Youth Support Programs and Resources at Cal State

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Two Aspects to Think About

Access  Retention
Step 1: Foster Youth Support Program

- Support and coaching through all steps to enter university
- Warm hand-offs to supportive staff in different departments
Foster Youth Campus Support Programs

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FIND CAMPUS SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR FOSTER YOUTH

Campus support programs that are specifically designed for foster youth can be a great resource while attending college. Program services vary considerably and can include personal and academic counseling, financial assistance, housing, mentoring and much more. Get the most accurate information about what each program offers by directly contacting the specific program. Download this list of questions to ask campus representatives to get the best idea of whether the specific program will meet the needs of your youth.

Find Campus Support Programs

- To search by college, click here.
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Foster Youth Contacts on Campus

If a campus isn’t listed above, it may still have resources for foster youth. For example, every community college has a designated point of contact known as a Foster Youth Success Initiative (FYSI) liaison.

Click below for lists of foster youth contacts at the various colleges and universities.

- Community Colleges (FYSI)
- California State Universities
- University of California

Social and Economic Barrier Support

- Increase Access to Financial Aid: Support SB 12
- Post-Secondary Education Webinar Training Series
Step 2: CSU Mentor Application - EOP

Note: In 2018, “CSU Mentor” will become “CSU Apply”

Must apply to EOP when applying to the University

CSU MENTOR

Home | Explore Campuses | College Planning | Financial Aid | Testing | Apply | Help | About

UNDERGRAD APP | GRADUATE APP | INTERNATIONAL APP | FILING STATUS REPORT | FAFSA ON THE WEB | CALSTATE TEACH | EOP APP

APPLY

Applying to multiple campuses is easy as 1, 2, 3!

Undergraduate Admission Applications - Apply online (i.e., Graduating High School entering as First-Time Freshman, Transfer from Community College)

Graduate Admission Applications - Apply online (For Master’s, Postbaccalaureate, Doctorate, Credential and Certificate Programs)

International Admission Applications (Undergraduate and Graduate) - Apply online

Application Filing Status Report - Find out which campuses are accepting applications

ACT Scores Manager - Release eligible ACT scores to CSU campuses

FAFSA on the Web - Transfer your information to the FAFSA

CalState TEACH Application - Online Teacher Credential Program

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) - California Residents and nonresidents who qualify for an ABS40 nonresident tuition exemption - Apply online! Note: You MUST submit an undergraduate application BEFORE you can apply for EOP!
EOP: Educational Opportunity Program

Supports for economically disadvantaged students

- Admission assistance
- Academic counseling & advising
- Financial assistance
- Summer Bridge
Step 2: Application Fee Waiver


Waives $55 application fee
Step 3: Financial Aid

- Apply early - October 1 - March 2
- Self-report foster care experience!
- Complete documentation early
- Apply for Chafee Grant
  eligibility doesn't guarantee award

John Burton Advocates for Youth
Foster youth are not guaranteed “free school” at 4-year universities

(Loans may be part of a financial aid package)
Step 4: Housing

Housing resources and procedures vary across campuses

*Work with the foster youth program*

- Priority Housing (established by AB 1393 in 2009) – how administered varies by campus
- Deposits: Some campuses defer until financial aid disbursed
- Year-round availability (holidays and summer) varies by campus

*New law for CSU:* Where housing is open during semester breaks, they must provide to foster youth at no additional charge
  - Summer not covered
Step 5: Priority Registration

- Eligibility based on age-in-care; varies by campus
- Connect with Foster Youth Program – Get informed about your campus
- Advocate for your priority
- Watch out for priority registration dates
Foster Youth Campus Support Programs

Various names:
Guardian Scholars, Renaissance Scholars Program...
Academic Advising

- Counseling might occur in EOP or in campus support program
- All foster youth programs will have someone designated to help with advising
- Convince students to utilize this service
- Meet with advisor at least once per semester to stay on track and complete in timely manner
- Meet with professors, go to their office hours
Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD)

- Nothing wrong with getting help - college wants you to succeed
- Youth has to establish case with SSD and advocate for self
- Set status at outset - don't wait for a problem
- Make it part of application process
- Checklist: where to find office, documentation needed, etc.
- Describe services received in high school
Health and Psychological Services

Robust Services
Included in enrollment fees already paid

Medical Doctors & Nurses
from flu to birth control to minor injuries

Psychological and Psychiatric Services
Counseling and Psychological Services

- Foster youth programs have liaisons in counseling programs
- Helps ensure that youth can see counselor knowledgeable about foster youth
- Ensure that youth can see the same person consistently
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Social and Economic Barrier Support
University of California
Special Services

Most campuses have an EOP or similar support program

All campuses provide services for students with disabilities

All campuses offer robust health services
UC Special Foster Youth Support Can Vary by Campus

Application Fee Waiver: $70 for up to four campuses

Priority registration

Priority housing and housing during semester breaks at no extra cost
UC Foster Youth Support

Services vary by campus - may include:

- Assistance with financial aid applications
- Life skills counseling, career planning
- Emergency cash cards
- Scholarships/Fellowships
- Student employment opportunities
UC Application
http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/index.html

Remember:
Application Fee Waiver $70 for up to four campuses
Resources: www.student.cacollegepathways.org
Resources

- California College Pathways Student Website
  http://www.student.cacollegepathways.org/

- CCP Educational Planning Guide
  http://www.student.cacollegepathways.org/resources/resources-planning-for-college/

- Free Application for Federal Financial Aid
  https://fafsa.ed.gov

- California Student Aid Commission
  http://www.csac.ca.gov

- California Community College Application
  http://home.cccapply.org

- California State University Application
  http://www.csumentor.edu

- University of California Application
  https://admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/
Upcoming JBAY Web Seminars

• **April 13, 2017**: Foster Youth & Financial Aid, Part II: After the FAFSA

• **May 11th**: Career Technical Education & Other Budding Programs

Register for these webinars on the John Burton Advocates for Youth website: [http://www.jbaforyouth.org/upcoming-events-trainings/](http://www.jbaforyouth.org/upcoming-events-trainings/)

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Question & Answer

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