Nationally, 65% of all jobs will require postsecondary education by 2020, yet by age 26, just 8% of foster youth completed an associate or bachelor’s degree as compared to 46% of their peers.

FYCAP, a collective impact initiative within the L.A. Opportunity Youth Collaborative (OYC), is working to improve the rates of college enrollment, retention and degree completion among transition-aged foster youth in Los Angeles County in order to help them transition to sustainable careers and achieve self-sufficiency.

FYCAP leverages a robust network of systems leaders and stakeholders across child welfare, probation, K-12 education, the court system, community-based organizations, and higher education to focus on five key strategies:

- Facilitating cross-sector collaboration and systems alignment.
- Building social worker knowledge and capacity.
- Instituting targeted training and education for caregivers.
- Increasing financial aid application completion rates.
- Promoting college persistence.

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<td>Co-designed and launched a pilot with DCFS to increase college attainment among foster youth in the Antelope Valley through targeted training and on-going coaching of social workers.</td>
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