

Increasing Access to Higher Education: California Community College Foster Youth Support Programs

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Welcome and Introductions

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Workshop Overview

Voices from the Community Colleges – video

California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO)
NextUp Program (CAFYES)

Foundation for California Community Colleges (Foundation)
Youth Empowerment Strategies for Success – Independent Living Program

Joint Initiatives with CCCCCO and Foundation
Foster Youth Success Initiative & Campus Resources

Q & A



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Voices from the California Community Colleges



<https://foundationccc.org/What-We-Do/Equity/Foster-Youth-Services>



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Cooperating Agencies
Foster Youth
Educational Support
Program

NextUp



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NextUp

Senate Bill 1023 allowed CCCCO to establish Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support program at up to 10 California Community College districts: Chapter 771

Senate Bill 12 allowed for the expansion of CAFYES to up to 20 CCC districts: Chapter 722

NextUp

NextUp is a supplemental program within EOPS. NextUp serves to strengthen the capacity of community college districts to support the higher education success, health and well-being of some of the nearly 20,000 current and former foster youth who are enrolled in California's community colleges.

- 2014: NextUp on 26 campuses
- 2018: NextUp expansion, now on 45 campuses



NextUp

Eligibility

- In care on or after 16th birthday
- Have or establish California residency
- Enroll in 9 units
- Eligible for fee waiver
- Under age 26



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NextUp

Services & Resources

- Academic, guidance, and personal counseling;
- Frequent in-person contact,
- Tutoring;
- Career guidance and transfer counseling;
- Independent living and financial literacy skills support;
- Book and supply grants;
- Work study awards;



NextUp

Services & Resources

- Unmet need grants;
- Child care assistance;
- Transportation assistance;
- Meal tickets and/or emergency food support;
- Emergency housing support;
- Health & mental health payment assistance;
- Referrals to health services, mental health services, housing assistance and food assistance;



NextUp

How to find NextUp programs!!

<http://nextup.cccco.edu/>

Find other campus support programs here:

<http://www.student.cacollegepathways.org/find-campus-support-programs/>



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Youth Empowerment Strategies for Success Independent Living Program

- 18 community college campuses
- Workshops and activities in:
 - *Education*
 - *Employment*
 - *Daily Living skills*
 - *Financial Literacy*
- Current/former foster youth between the ages of 16-21



YESS-ILP Colleges

Butte College	Rio Hondo College
College of the Sequoias	San Bernardino Valley College
Cuesta College	San Joaquin Delta College
Evergreen Valley College	Santa Rosa Junior College
Hartnell College	Shasta College
American River College	Woodland Community College
Santa Ana College	Yuba College
Fresno City College	Compton Community College
Imperial Valley College	Palomar City College



Youth Empowerment Strategies for Success Independent Living Program

- The 2018-19 academic year had 1753 participants
- Over 8,000 hours of training/workshops and one-on-one support hours were provided to participants
- Built on partnerships: California College Pathways, Chancellor's Office, County Offices, FYSI, CDSS, and more

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FOSTER YOUTH SUCCESS INITIATIVE FYSI

*A partnership of the California Community College Chancellor's
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FYSI aims to improve:

- ➔ Access to Financial Aid
- ➔ Term-to-term retention rates
- ➔ Academic performance
- ➔ Completion of certificate and degree programs
- ➔ Transfer rates



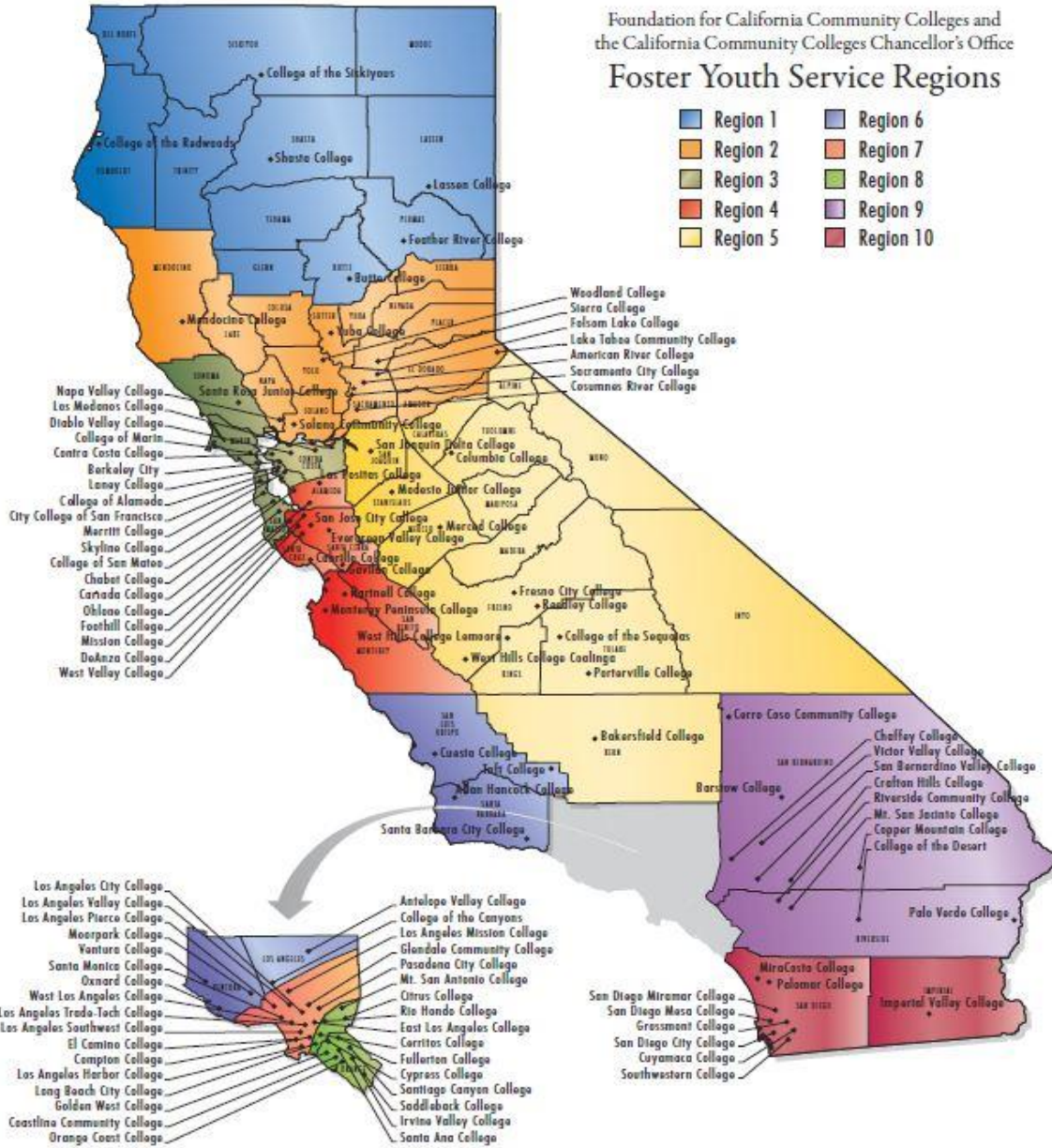
*FYSI is a network of over 200
Liaisons across all 114 campuses.*

FYSI networks have many different Foster Youth Support Programs (Guardian Scholars, Inspiring Scholars, etc.) varies by campus program; generally fewer eligibility criteria than YESS ILP or NextUp/CAFYES.



Foundation for California Community Colleges and
the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
Foster Youth Service Regions

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|  Region 1 |  Region 6 |
|  Region 2 |  Region 7 |
|  Region 3 |  Region 8 |
|  Region 4 |  Region 9 |
|  Region 5 |  Region 10 |



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FYSI Outreach Toolkits



**California
Department of
Social Services**

**Youth
Empowerment
Strategies for
Success (YESS ILP)**

**California
Student Aid
Commission**

**Office of the
Foster Care
Ombudsperson**

**John Burton
Advocates for
Youth**

**California
College
Pathways**

NextUp/CAFYES

**Local County
Offices of
Education**

**CCC Campuses,
and more!**

FYSI Partners



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Supports for Foster Youth Students at CCCs



Complete the FAFSA

APPLY BY MARCH 2 FOR MAXIMUM AID

Apply at fafsa.ed.gov or through the MyStudentAid mobile app. Current or former foster youth may qualify for “Independent Status” on the FAFSA, so be sure to answer each question carefully.

You can still apply after March 2.

Chafee Grant

APPLY BY MARCH 2 FOR MAXIMUM AID

Apply at chafee.csac.ca.gov. Foster youth students who were in care on or after their 16th birthday can apply up until age 26, and can receive the Chafee grant for 5 years. *You can still apply after March 2.*



Supports for Foster Youth Students at CCCs

CalGrant

APPLY BY MARCH 2 FOR MAXIMUM AID

Apply at fafsa.ed.gov. Foster youth students who were in care on or after their 13th birthday can receive CalGrant for up to 8 years, and can apply up until age 26. *Foster youth students in CCCs can apply through September 2.*

California College Promise Grant

APPLY AT ANY TIME

Apply at cccapply.org. For eligible California residents, the California Community Colleges Promise Grant waives enrollment fees.



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Supports for Foster Youth Students at CCCs



Register for classes early with priority registration

PRIORITY REGISTRATION DATES
VARY BY CAMPUS

Students who were in foster care on or after their 16th birthday have access to priority registration through age 26.



Apply for CalFresh

Students that participate in some of these foster youth support programs receive an exemption on the CalFresh application, which may increase eligibility. Apply at students.getcalfresh.org.



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Questions?



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Thank you



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