CA COLLEGE PATHWAYS

- Statewide initiative
- Includes CCC, CSU, UCs and Private Campuses
- Goal is to increase college access, retention & graduation for foster youth
- Provides Technical Assistance, Training, Advocacy and Support for Foster Youth Campus Support Programs
- More information at www.cacollegepathways.org
COMMON AGENDA

Supporting foster youth to achieve four important milestones:

- EQUIP WITH ESSENTIAL RESOURCES
- ENROLL IN COLLEGE OR TRAINING PROGRAM
- EARN A DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE
- EMBARK ON A CAREER
2018 GOALS

1,000 foster youth in California will earn a college degree or certificate.

Foster youth will achieve important educational milestones at rates equal to, or better than, the general student population.
STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

Expand College and Career Pathways

Strengthen Campus and Community Capacity

Promote Data Informed Decision Making

Increase Public Will

Engage the Expertise of Foster Youth
EDUCATION PAYS

Education pays:

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Average: 8.2%  
Average: $782

EARLY PREPARATION

“The intervention of one significant person at a critical point in the life of a student is extremely significant to educational success for students from low-income backgrounds.” – Joan Merdinger PhD, Education Expert

- Motivate from a young age
- Include caregiver
- Bring in resources early
  - County educational liaisons
  - School counselors
  - Foster Youth Services
  - ILP
- A-G requirements and standardized tests
ENCOURAGE YOUTH WHO THINK THEY CAN’T GO TO COLLEGE

“No one rises to low expectations”

- Danger of the self-fulfilling prophecy
- Set high expectations – regardless of past performance
- Consistently express the expectation that the student will graduate from high school and go on to post-secondary education
- Encourage all adults involved with the student, including teachers, to give this message and to use such phrases as “When you go to college....”
OTHER WAYS TO INSPIRE AND MOTIVATE

- Expose youth to college
- Discuss non-academic benefits
- Explain differences between college and high school
- Long term financial benefits
- Career assessments and interest inventories
- Hold youth accountable
- Connect to mentors and role models
COMMUNITY COLLEGES – ADMISSIONS & ASSESSMENT

- Assessment tests matter!
- Educational plan
- Priority enrollment
  - Assessment, orientation and ed planning required
  - Must begin process early!
- Applying for EOPS
  - Separate application
  - Apply early
CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION
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- Targeted, career-focused training
- Can be shorter term programs
- “Stacking”
- Financial aid is available
- Options include Regional Occupational Centers and Programs (ROCP), Community Colleges, private vocational schools, adult schools, apprenticeships
- Cost considerations and risks associated with private vocational schools
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY & UC

- 4-year institutions
- More stringent admissions requirements
- Accepts freshman admissions and transfer from community college
- Foster Youth Educational Planning Guide

Application Process
- A-G requirements
- Standardized testing
- November 30 deadline
- Applying for EOP
FINANCIAL AID OVERVIEW

Cal-Grant

Chafee

Scholarships

Work Study

Federal Grants

LOANS

BOG fee waiver
The FAFSA - www.fafsa.gov
Independent vs. dependent status
How to get help completing the FAFSA
Deadlines
★ March 2 for maximum aid
★ CCC: Prior to start of term – sooner the better!
Communication
Impact of AB12 income on financial aid
Requirements

- Open dependency case or ward after 16th birthday
- Under 22 as of July 1 of the year they are applying
- Up to $5000 for college or vocational school
- To apply: FAFSA + Chafee application
- Award priority system
- Enrollment requirements
FOSTER YOUTH SUPPORT PROGRAMS

- Comprehensive campus support programs
  - Offer supportive services, both academic and non-academic
  - Located on CC, CSUs and UCs

- Foster Youth Success Initiative (FYSI)
  - Liaisons located at each community college
  - Assist with navigating all academic and student support services and programs and accessing financial aid
LOCATING FOSTER YOUTH SUPPORT PROGRAMS

http://www.cacollegepathways.org/explore-campus-support-programs
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Supporting Opportunity and Success for Foster Youth Scholars

Search by College

Select a campus from the pull down menu below. If a campus is not listed here it means that there are no support programs specific to foster youth available at that campus.

San Francisco City College

San Francisco City College
Guardian Scholars
San Francisco, CA
Michael McPartlin
(415) 239-3062
mmpartlin@ccsf.edu
website

| Academic Counseling and Education Plans | ✔ |
| Personal Guidance and Mentoring | ✔ |
| On-campus housing available | ✔ |
| Year-round housing available | ✔ |
| Housing support services | ✔ |
| Financial aid assistance (FAFSA, Scholarships, etc.) | ✔ |
| Supplemental financial support (e.g., book vouchers) | ✔ |
| Career advising | ✔ |
| Summer bridge | ✔ |

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Your Name *
Your E-mail Address *
Organization
Affiliation - None -

Submit
EOP/EOPS

- Essential program for low-income, educationally challenged students
- Provides wide range of assistance, including book vouchers, child care referrals, etc.
- Program staff can be valuable liaison and are often knowledgeable about foster care
CAMPUS SERVICES

- Disabled Students Programs and Services
  - 20% of foster youth have a learning disability
  - Provides support services, specialized instruction, and educational accommodations

- Other Services
  - Student education plan
  - Tutoring programs
  - Resources for parenting youth
  - Financial Aid Officers
  - Career and Transfer Centers
  - College/career success courses
FOR MORE INFORMATION

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