



Foster Youth: Supporting Academic Success in Higher Education



CALIFORNIA
COLLEGE
PATHWAYS

John Burton Foundation




Burton Scholars Backpack to Success

California Fostering Connections to Success Implementation Project


THP-Plus Statewide Implementation Project

CA Foster Youth Pregnancy Prevention Institute

California College Pathways



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Technical assistance


Priority Registration support

Webinars/Practice Calls

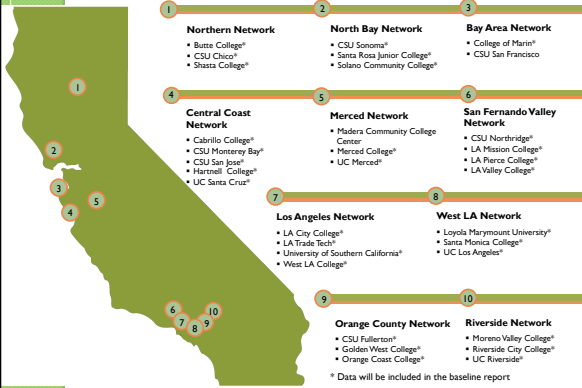
Data Gathering and Analysis

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
- Extensive website with Campus Support Program contact information



California College Pathways Networks



1 Northern Network	2 North Bay Network	3 Bay Area Network
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Butte College* • CSU Chico* • Shasta College* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSU Sonoma* • Santa Rosa Junior College* • Solano Community College* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College of Marin* • CSU San Francisco
4 Central Coast Network	5 Merced Network	6 San Fernando Valley Network
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabrillo College* • CSU Monterey Bay* • CSU San Jose* • Hartnell College* • UC Santa Cruz* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Madera Community College • Merced College* • UC Merced* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSU Northridge* • LA Mission College* • LA Pierce College* • LA Valley College*
7 Los Angeles Network	8 West LA Network	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LA City College* • LA Trade Tech* • University of Southern California* • West LA College* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loyola Marymount University* • Santa Monica College* • UC Los Angeles* 	
9 Orange County Network	10 Riverside Network	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSU Fullerton* • Golden West College* • Orange Coast College* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moreno Valley College* • Riverside City College* • UC Riverside* 	

* Data will be included in the baseline report.

Recent Changes in Legislation

AB12 (2011) – Extended Foster Care

- Youth can now stay in foster care until 21
- **Eligibility requirements can include going to college or vocational school**
- 2.5 times greater likelihood of attending college and 3 times more likely to obtain BA
- Can live with foster parents, relatives or independent housing

AB194 (2012) – Priority Enrollment

Legislation Continued


- CAFYES- Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Success
- BOG Fee Waiver Exemption**
- CSAC – Chafee Grant
- CCC Apply

“Find a Campus Support Program”

CALIFORNIA COLLEGE PATHWAYS
Supporting Opportunity and Success for Foster Youth Scholars

Search Site

Foster Youth Scholars | Supportive Adults | Campus Professionals | Get Involved



"I thought I wasn't going to make it to college. People always say they can't do things if they don't get an education first. So when I graduated from high school I saw myself going to college and just making it."

Rosal Mack
Laney College
Nursing Major
Age: 20

[Read more](#)

What's New


[Blueprint Conference Materials Now Available](#)

[AS 894 Expands Linkages Between K-12 and Post-Secondary Education](#)

[It's the Least 2015 Policy Changes That Impact Foster Youth and Homeless Youth - Webcast recording available](#)

[Read more](#)

Why This Matters



Stay Informed

Sign up for email advisories and stay up-to-date on the latest policies and practices related to higher education and foster youth.

3 Ways to Search

Geography

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System-Type
(Community College, 4-Year)

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Types of Support

Explore Campus Support Programs

Campus support programs that are specifically designed for foster youth can be a great resource while attending college. The range of services provided by these programs varies considerably and can include personal and academic counseling, financial assistance, housing, mentoring and much more. The most accurate information about each program can be gained by directly contacting the program to learn more about what their program offers. You can download a [list of questions](#) to ask of campus representatives to get the best idea of whether the specific program will meet your needs.

To search by college, [click here](#).

To compare colleges, [click here](#).

To search by geography, type of institution, and available services, [click here](#).

If a campus isn't listed here they may still have some resources for foster youth. Every community college has a designated point of contact for foster youth known as a **Foster Youth Success Initiative (FYSI) liaison**. You can download a list of FYSI contacts [here](#).

[Click here](#) for a complete list of foster youth contacts at **California State Universities**.

[Click here](#) for a complete list of foster youth contact at **University of California** campuses.

Support Resources for Foster Youth in Higher Education

FYSI	EOP/EOPS
Disabled Students Programs and Services	Multiple Contact Approach

LA Valley College – Guardian Scholars Program

- Program Structure
- Eligibility/Application Process
- Program Offerings
- Current

In Their Own Words

[Video: It Gets Amazing](#)

Believe in Foster Youth

"No one rises to low expectations" – Les Brown

- Danger of the self-fulfilling prophecy
- Set high expectations – regardless of past performance
- Consistently express expectation that the youth will graduate from college and go on to a successful career
- Use such phrases as, "When you transfer to a four year university...."

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