Differences between High School and University for Students with Disabilities

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**Verification of Disability Process**

- Verification of the disability is the responsibility of each student seeking accommodations and services.

- CSU and UC documentation verification guidelines and forms are found at each campus DS website.

- Once your disability is verified, you may request accommodations.
Accommodation of Services Case-by-Case

Accommodations are determined by the student’s functional limitations and the academic standards for each class – No IEP.

- Extended time to take exams
- A reader and/or scribe for exams
- Note-taking
- Alternative media (Braille, e-text, audio)
- Assistive technology
- Peer mentoring & academic coaching
- Tape recording of classes
- Accessible classroom furniture
- Career preparation services
- Sign-Language Interpreters/Captioners
Transition Goals Checklist

• Find Out More about Their Disability
• Learn How to Advocate for Themselves
• Develop a Personal Information File
• Investigate Possible Careers
HELPFUL HINTS TO SUCCESS

1. Review CSU or UC catalog
2. Maintain academic progress
3. Attend all of class meetings
4. Keep an academic calendar
5. Use student services
6. Balance college life
7. Take advantage of campus resources
INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- www.csumentor.edu/faq/disabilities.asp
- www.calstate.edu/SAS/disabilities.shtml
- http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/504faq.html
FOSTER YOUTH SERVICES

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WHO IS A FORMER FOSTER YOUTH?

Children who:

• Were removed by the courts from their family of origin due to abuse and/or neglect, and,

• Placed into the care of extended family members, foster parents or non-relative caregivers until their 18th birthday.
CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 12: FOSTERING CONNECTIONS TO SUCCESS ACT

AB12 – California Fostering Connections to Success Act

- Effective January 1, 2012
- Law allows California to use federal funds instead of state funds to extend transitional services to FY
- Optional extended care for youth aging out at age 18
COMMON BARRIERS TO COLLEGE

- K-12 school and placement instability
- Academic/learning gaps
- Lack of educational advocacy
- Low high school graduation rates
- Records transfer and confidentiality issues
- High rate of homelessness after emancipation
- Long-term effects of abuse and neglect
CAMPUS FOSTER YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES

- Counseling and Support
- Mentorship Opportunities
- Outreach and Recruitment
- Employment Opportunities
- Academic Advising and Monitoring
- Admissions and Financial Assistance
- Access to on-campus year-round housing
- Orientation to College Life (e.g., EOP Summer Bridge)
- Social and Academic Celebrations
- Life Skills Workshops
- Career Planning and Assistant
- Student Drop-In Center
CSU AND UC CAMPUS PROGRAMS

CSU CAMPUS PROGRAMS:
- CSU San Marcos, ACE Scholars
- CSU Monterey Bay, COMPASS
- Humboldt State, Elite Scholars
- CSU Long Beach/Los Angeles/Cal Poly San Luis Obispo/Sonoma State, EOP
- CSU San Bernardino, EOP Renaissance Scholars
- CSU Bakersfield/Fullerton/Sacramento State/San Diego State/San Francisco State/San Jose State, Guardian Scholars
- CSU Chico, Path Scholars
- CSU Stanislaus, Promise Scholars
- CSU Channel Islands, Promoting Achievement through Hope
- CSU East Bay/Fresno/Cal Poly Pomona, Renaissance Scholars
- CSU Northridge, Resilient Scholars
- CSU Dominguez Hills, TORO Scholars

UC CAMPUS PROGRAMS:
- Berkeley, Cal Independent Scholars Network
- Davis, Guardian Scholars
- Irvine, Former Foster Youth Connect
- Los Angeles, Guardian Scholars Program
- Merced, Guardian Scholars Program
- Riverside, Guardian Scholars
- San Diego, Guardian Scholars Program
- Santa Barbara, Guardian Scholars
- Santa Cruz, The Smith Renaissance Society
FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FOSTER YOUTH

Grants:

• California Student Aid Commission California
  - Chafee/ETV Grant Program
• Cal Grant
• Federal Pell Grant

Scholarships:

• Foster A Dream and/or Fostering Futures (Bay Area)
• Orangewood Children’s Foundation (Orange County)
• United Friends of the Children (Los Angeles County)
• Casey Family Scholars Program
• Foster Care to Success
• Larkin Street (Bay Area)
• Silicon Valley Children’s Fund – YES Scholars
**Supporting Foster Youth During Transition**

- Act as a support/referral reference
- Encourage students to self-identify as current/former foster youth
- Work with students to identify application and financial aid deadlines
- Encourage students to continue their education at a college or university
- Remind students that foster youth programs can vary in eligibility and services
- Connect students with a foster youth program coordinator at the CSUs and UCs
INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- https://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov/
- http://www.fosteringfuturesfoundation.org/
- http://www.fosteradream.org/
- http://www.orangewoodfoundation.org/
- http://www.unitedfriends.org/