STUDENT SERVICES 101: Introduction to services for students with disabilities & foster youth programs in the CSU

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OVERVIEW

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CHALLENGES FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

• Sometimes transferring to a larger institution, academic work becomes more demanding.
• Universal design principles place accommodations across the campus.
• Students assume that policies, procedures, and practices will be the same or similar to their previous institution.
THINGS FOR STUDENT TO CONSIDER

• Disability documentation requirements of the campus – will the current documentation be sufficient?

• Have prerequisite classes been met – substitutions and/or waivers are not always beneficial later?

• Does the campus have other support services needed?
ACCOMMODATIONS – 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
KEY MESSAGES TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS

• There are big differences in what accommodations are given and how they are applied

• Make contact with Services to Students with Disabilities early (so students and parents will know what to expect – informed choice)

• Register with Services to Students with Disabilities as soon as accepted (proper class registration & accommodations on placement tests)

• Parents need to become coaches to student rather than direct advocates
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICES FOR STUDENT WITH DISABILITIES

CSUMentor site
www.csumentor.edu/faq/disabilities.asp
California State University site
www.calstate.edu/SAS/disabilities.shtml
Individual campus department websites
FOSTER YOUTH PROGRAMS
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.
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
Indicate your status on Admission Application
CAMPUS PROGRAMS FOR FOSTER YOUTH

ACE SCHOLARS
CSU San Marcos

COMPASS
CSU Monterey Bay

ELITE SCHOLARS
Humboldt State

EOP
CSU Long Beach
CSU Los Angeles
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Sonoma State

EOP RENAISSANCE SCHOLARS
CSU San Bernardino

GUARDIAN SCHOLARS
CSU Bakersfield
CSU Fullerton
Sacramento State
San Diego State
San Francisco State
San Jose State

PATH SCHOLARS
CSU Chico

PROMISE SCHOLARS
CSU Stanislaus

PROMOTING ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH HOPE
CSU Channel Islands

RENAISSANCE SCHOLARS
CSU East Bay
CSU Fresno
Cal Poly Pomona

RESILIENT SCHOLARS
CSU Northridge

TORO SCHOLARS
CSU Dominguez Hills
Foster youth programs throughout the CSU system may serve different populations of foster youth, including current, former and/or emancipated foster youth.

To determine eligibility at a specific CSU campus foster youth program, call the individual program at the campus of your interest.
CAMPUS SUPPORT SERVICES MAY INCLUDE

- Outreach and Recruitment
- Admission assistance
- Financial assistance
- Housing assistance
- Orientation to college life (e.g., EOP Summer Bridge)
- Academic advising and monitoring

- Counseling and support
- Mentorship opportunities
- Life skills workshops
- Employment opportunities
- Social and academic celebrations
- Career planning and assistance
- Student Drop-In Center
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS FOR FOSTER YOUTH

- Foster Care to Success
- Casey Family Scholars Program
- Nsoro Foundation
- Orphan Foundation of America
- Foster A Dream (Bay Area)
- Fostering Futures (Bay Area)
- Larkin Street (Bay Area)
- Orangewood Children’s Foundation (Orange County)
- Silicon Valley Children’s Fund – YES Scholars
- United Friends of the Children (Los Angeles County)
- Promise 2 Kids (San Diego County)
This is a federally funded program administered through the California Student Aid Commission.

Gives up to $5000 to eligible former foster youth to use for career and technical training or college courses at California Community Colleges, California State Universities, University of California, etc.

To qualify, student must be a current or former foster youth, must have established court dependency at anytime between the ages of 16 and 18 and must have not reached their 22nd birthday as of July 1st of the award year.

KinGap youth, adopted youth, guardian placement and voluntary placement may not be eligible for the Chaffee Grant, unless court dependence was established, at anytime, between ages of 16-18.
Foster Youth Educational Planning Guide

WHAT’S INSIDE?
This planning guide (available as a .pdf) contains checklists, tips and information to support foster youth from 7th grade through 12th grade who have a dream of a college education.

WHO SHOULD HAVE ONE?
Foster youth, caregivers, social workers, educators and advocates.

WHY SHOULD I NEED IT?
To monitor and track the educational progress of foster youth to career and college preparation.

HOW CAN I GET ONE?
The guides are available at www.calstate.edu/fosteryouth
For additional information visit

www.calstate.edu/fosteryouth

for specific programs available to foster youth at the 23 California State University campuses
QUESTIONS?