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Selected Readings

General

New Resources

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College Specific

New Resources

Helping former foster youth achieve their potential at ASU (2016). Solutions, Arizona State University, February 29.


Resources

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UA’s REACH Director Committed to Helping Students from Foster Care (2015). UA News, December 15


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New Resources

Make it Happen! 2016, College Success Foundation, Washington, a three-day, two-night college campus experience for youth in and alumni of the Washington state foster care system.


State Budget Includes $1.5 Million for Fostering Youth Success Initiative: Funding the First Step in Building Robust College Support System for Youth in Foster Care (2015). Fostering Youth Success Alliance (FYSA), April 2, New York, NY.

Resources


$800,000 dollar DHS grant will fund coaches to help former foster care students at seven Michigan colleges (2012). Michigan Live, December 3.


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Michigan Guides: “Getting to Know…” Series (Financial Aid, Higher Education Resources, Youth and Alumni of Care, Affordable Care Act & Transition Checklist), Fostering Success Michigan.


**Policy**

**New Resource**

Resources


Higher Education Act Reauthorization: Homeless and Foster Youth, NAEHCY. SB 1023 by Senator Carol Liu (D-Glendale): Authorizes the Chancellor’s Office of the California Community Colleges to establish the Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support program with up to 10 community college districts (2014).

Texas HB 3748 (2015). Requires each institution of higher education to designate at least one employee of the institution to act as a liaison officer for current and incoming students who were former foster youth.


Community Colleges

New Resources


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Research

New Resources


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## Tools and Resources

### Newer Resources


Resources

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Federal laws that increase educational opportunities for older youth in out-of-home care (2009), Legal Center for Foster Care & Education, Washington D.C.

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A Sampling of College Support Program Websites

Community Colleges

- California Community College Chancellor's Office, Foster Youth Success Initiative (FYSI)
- Austin Community College, Foster Care Alumni Program
- City College of San Francisco, Guardian Scholars Program
- Dallas County Community College District, Foster Care Initiative
- Fullerton College, Foster Youth Success Initiative (FYSI)
- Los Angeles City College, Guardian Scholars Program
- Los Angeles Trade Technical College, Guardian Scholars Program
- Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD), Foster Youth Student Success Initiative
- Northwestern Michigan College, Your NMC Program
- Pasadena City College, The STARS Program
- Piedmont Virginia Community College, Great Expectations Program
- Seattle Central Community College, College Success Program www.seattlecentral.edu/collegesuccess/
- Tallahassee Community College, Fostering Achievement Fellowship Program & video

Four-Year Colleges

- Ball State University and Ivy Tech Community College - Indiana
- Bennett College – North Carolina
- Boise State University - Idaho
- California Polytechnic University Pomona
- California State University, Fullerton
- Colorado State University
- Eastern Michigan University
- J. C. Smith University - North Carolina (see pp. 11-12)
- Michigan State University
- Miami University – Regional Locations
- Middle Tennessee State University
- Northern Arizona University
- Ohio University
- Sam Houston State University - Texas
- San Diego State University, Consensus Organizing Center
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- San Francisco State University – California
- San Jose State University - California
- Seattle University - Washington
- Texas State University San Marcos
- UCLA & video - California
- UC Merced – California
- University of Alabama
- University of California East Bay
- University of Colorado Boulder
- University of Michigan & video
- University of North Texas
- University of Washington
- Wayne State University - Michigan
- Western Michigan University
- Wright State University – Ohio

Other Models

- Promises2Kids, Guardian Scholars Program in San Diego County
- From Foster Care to Success – national postsecondary education and training supports

State Higher Education/Child Welfare/Community-Based Organization Collaboratives

- California – California College Pathways
- Florida – Florida Reach
- Georgia – Embark Georgia & college programs
- Kansas - Kansas Kids @ Gear Up
- Michigan – Fostering Success Michigan
- North Carolina – North Carolina Reach
- Ohio – Ohio Reach
- Oklahoma - R is for Thursday
- Texas – Education Reach for Texans
- Virginia – Great Expectations
- Washington – Washington Passport Network
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