Empowering Youth to Succeed in College and Career

CalWORKs Statewide Training Institute

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CCC CAREER ADVANCEMENT ACADEMIES

- Establish pipelines to college & high wage careers for low-income young adults w/ multiple barriers (18–30 years old)

- CCC System Demonstration Project:
  - 32 colleges in 4 regions (East Bay, Central Valley, LA, SF Peninsula)
  - $20 million over 4 + years
  - Public/Private Partnership: CCCCCO & philanthropy
  - TA/support; independent evaluation; data system
  - 90% retention; 74% course success*
Critical Elements of the CAAs

• Contextualized and accelerated modes of instruction.

• Cohort-based learning communities.

• Intensive support for students to address multiple barriers.

• Recruiting specific populations and designing bridge models to meet targeted needs.

• Strong connections between industry and training in demand-led occupations with clearly defined transitions leading to employment and further post-secondary education.
## Course Success and Retention

### Fall 2007 - Fall 2009

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*Course success is defined as achieving a grade of A, B, C, Pass or Credit in attempted units. Course retention is defined as achieving a grade of A, B, C, D, F, Pass, Not Pass, Credit or No Credit in attempted units. Source: Cal-PASS, September 2010*
COMMUNITY COLLEGE PATHWAYS FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH (CCP)

• Focuses on linking community colleges across California to strengthen outcomes for former foster youth
• Achieve postsecondary educational goals
• Access careers with family sustaining wages and advancement opportunities
Community College Pathways for Former Foster Youth (CCP)

• statewide initiative designed to assist campuses in improving college and career outcomes for foster youth

• focuses on linking community colleges across California

• community of practice has a particular focus on collective strategies
Career Ladders Project & State Initiatives

CLP provides:

• direct support in the form of technical assistance
• collective strategies focused on increasing the college and career success of underserved/underrepresented student populations
• identifies structural and systemic barriers to student success
• develops practice and policy recommendations that will improve services statewide
Foster Youth Success Initiative (FYSI)

- Established by the CCCCO in 2006
- The goals of this initiative are to improve:
  - Access to student services and resources
  - Access to academic support
  - Retention
  - Academic performance
  - Completion of units
  - Completion of programs and degrees
  - Transfer rates to baccalaureate
California College Pathways

• The goal of the California College Pathways is to increase the number of foster youth in California who enter higher education

• There are four key strategies used to meet this goal:
  ✓ Information-Sharing
  ✓ Technical Assistance & Training
  ✓ Policy Analysis & Development
  ✓ Coalition Building & Advocacy

• There are 79 campuses involved in this network statewide
1st Orphanage

- 1734: New Orleans orphanage
- 1738: George Whitefield – Bethesda, Georgia
  - Orphanage still running
1\textsuperscript{st} Children’s rights

- Mary Ellen’s case
- Henry Bergh: Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- 1874: Prevention of Cruelty to Children
AFDC and TANF

- 1935: Signed by President Roosevelt

- Support families to build better foundations

  - Education: for foster youth, single parents – this is the only foundation – the way out.
Greed and the Ungreed

- Them:
- US:
  - Calworks
  - Guardian Scholars
  - Social Services
  - Human Services
- Abuse
- Neglect
- Unsupported
Foster & Single Parent Grads

- 46% lack a high school degree versus 16% of the general population.
- 2% receive a college degree.
- 65% emancipate (transition to adulthood) without a place to live.
- 70% of all state prison inmates were in foster care.
- 51% are unemployed within 2-4 years of emancipation
Parenting Foster Youth

• ~ 50% of foster youth girls are parents at least once prior to 19 years of age

How many are in need of Calworks?
Connection is key for GAP

- Direct relationships
  Calworks
  Child Care Ctr
  Health Services
  ASOCC
  Fin-Aid
  Enrollment
  Social Services

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Office Located close vs. Not

- Create a hand held path from office to office
- Share information
- Share benefits
  - Book money, bus passes, classroom expenses
ONE STOP SHOP

• No more sending students for a walk
• Answer all questions in one place
• Communicate all programs, services, funding
Strategy Discussion

WHAT?

SO WHAT?

NOW WHAT?
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