

YOUTH SERVICES

Our Mission:

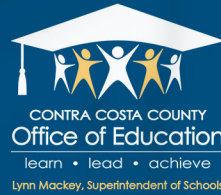
To encourage lifelong learning, economic independence and healthy lifestyle choices for youth and families.

Youth Services (YS) provides a broad range of coordinated services for youth who are in foster care, are homeless or are experiencing barriers and need support to finish school, find a job or pursue a career path. Our programs are designed to prepare students to become self-confident, self-sufficient and independent adults. YS is a grant-funded department within the Contra Costa County Office of Education, Education Services, and receives funding from the California Department of Education, the Contra Costa County Workforce Investment Board, Contra Costa County Employment and Human Services, the Department of Rehabilitation, as well as other funding sources.

Current programs include:

- Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY)
- Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program (FYSCP)
- Juvenile Reentry & Diversion Program
- Transition Partnership Program (TPP)
- We Can Work Program (WCW)
- WorkAbility Program (WA-I)
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

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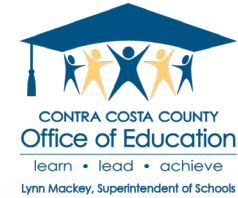
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COORDINATING PROGRAM



FOSTER YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATING PROGRAM (FYSCP)

Federal and State legislation mandates all public school districts establish policies and implement support services designed to increase school stability and academic success for foster youth students (Every Student Success Act, ESSA: Local Control Funding Formula, LCFF: AB 854).

The FYSCP was established in 1973 to address and support the educational needs of foster youth. CCCOE FYSCP provides Contra Costa County foster youth with the resources needed to achieve their maximum educational and vocation potential.

The FYSCP ensures school records are immediately obtained to establish appropriate placements and collaborate with school districts, child welfare agencies, probation, post-secondary institutions, caregivers, and community organizations to coordinate instruction, tutoring, mentoring, vocational training, emancipation services, training for independent living, and other related services.

Program goals include:

EDUCATION LIAISON

Co-located at CCCOE and the EHSD Children and Family Services Department, the Liaison facilitates communication between social workers and school districts. The Liaison supports prompt enrollment of foster youth and assists social workers and caregivers when education-related issues arise.

YOUTH SERVICES SPECIALISTS (YSS)

YSS's provide educational and employment case management to foster youth enrolled at high schools with a high population of foster youth by monitoring attendance and grades to assist those who need additional help with school and transition.

CDE REQUIREMENTS

The California Department of Education (CDE) requires that each school district designate a District Foster Youth Liaison who will ensure appropriate and timely educational placement and equal opportunities for foster youth.

EDUCATION RIGHTS

California Education Code defines specific education rights for foster youth pertaining to the following areas:

- Right to remain in your school of origin.
- Right to immediate enrollment in school.
- Right to partial credits for high school students.
- Graduation rights.
- College rights.
- School discipline rights.
- Right to your school records.

The full description of foster youth education rights can be found on the California Department of Education Website:
www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/fy/fosteryouthedrights.asp

FOSTER YOUTH EXECUTIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Contra Costa County Foster Youth Executive Advisory (FYEA) Council works in partnership with the Contra Costa County Office of Education (CCCOE) Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program (FYSCP) to advise and assist in the design, implementation, and evaluation of the FYSCP Plan and activities that have an impact on the foster youth in the county.

The goals of the CCCOE FYEA Council are to:

- Increase educational outcomes of foster youth through innovative planning and programs.
- Increase collaboration and communication among foster youth serving agencies.
- Increase community knowledge about foster youth issues.

TRANSITION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (TPP)

Funded by the Department of Rehabilitation, The Transition Partnership Program (TPP) partners with local education agencies for the purposes of successfully transitioning foster youth in high school with disabilities between the ages of 16-21 into meaningful employment and/or post-secondary education.

TUTORING

CCCOE is contracted by Children and Family Services to provide one-on-one tutoring assistance to foster youth enrolled in K-12 in Contra Costa County. Tutoring is requested by the social worker and can be provided at the home or a nearby location.

WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA)

Funded by the Contra Costa County Workforce Development Board, CCCOE/YS provides WIOA services for foster youth ages 16-24. WIOA case managers help students complete high school, prepare for careers and/or postsecondary education, refer to career technical training opportunities and provide financial aid guidance.

EDUCATION RIGHTS HOLDER

Every foster youth under age 18 must have an education rights holder, who is required to make education decisions in the youth's best interest. The education rights holder may be parent or legal guardian, caregiver, or another person chosen by the court.

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