Creating a Campus Network of Support for Students Using the DCF Tuition Exemption

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Youth from Foster Care and College

- About 70% of foster youth say they want to go to college.
- 2017-2018, 3,657 students were enrolled in FCS, 834 in SUS.
- 20% of former foster youth will attend college and of that, only 3-11% will graduate.
Barriers to Retention

- Lack financial and emotional support from a caring adult
- Uncertain how to ask for help
- Study skills and other basic know-how not well developed
- Difficulty navigating college system
- Most are first-generation, low-income students
- Housing instability - are more likely to experience homelessness

Foster youth are **three** times more likely to persist in college if they participate in a campus support program for foster youth

Appreciative Advising Framework
Educate Tomorrow at FAU Framework

- Community Partnerships & Resources
- Campus Navigation
- Academic Support
- Campus Resources
- Student Engagement & Support
Campus Navigation

- Assistance with On-boarding Process (Admissions, Financial Aid, Orientation, Housing, etc.)
- Inform students of important campus policies, opportunities, and resources
- Referral agent to Financial Aid, Controller’s Office, DOS, Housing, etc.

Academic Support

- Academic Coaching/Advising (Success Coaching)
- Connection to important campus resources, including tutoring, SI, and ACCESS workshops
- Assist with transition to College Advisors (45+ credits)
- Designated advisors in each college who serve as liaisons to the ET @ FAU Program

Student Engagement & Support

- Reaching Individual Success and Empowerment (RISE)
- Monthly socials and programming
- The Mentoring Project
- Urban Male Initiative (UMI)
- Learning Communities

Campus Resources

- Food Pantry
- Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
- Dean of Students Services: HL Waiver Processing and Case Management
- Student Health Services
- Career Center; Professional Clothes Closet

Community Partnerships & Resources

- Educate Tomorrow
- AOK Scholars
- Best Foot Forward
- Vita Nova
- SOS Children’s Villages
- PROPEL
- HANDY
How Can You Help Foster Youth on Your Campus?
Supporting Foster Youth & Homeless Youth: Collaboration is **Key.**

- Academic Advising
- Controller’s Office
- Dean of Students
- Financial Aid
- Housing
- Student Affairs Resources
- Community Partners
Developing a Support Network on your Campus

- Who is your population? What are their needs?
- Gain an understanding of how the DCF and Homeless waiver is processed on your campus.
- Who is the liaison on your campus?
- Develop a committee to discuss student needs and resources:
  - Admissions, Financial Aid, Controller’s Office, Dean of Students, CAPS, Foster Youth Liaison
- Evaluate current resources & discuss how you can streamline information for students
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Questions?