



Pupil Services GROUP HOME SCHOLARS PROGRAM Executive Summary



Mission

To ensure that all LAUSD students are enrolled, attending, engaged, and on-track to graduate.

VISION

The vision of the Group Home Scholars Program is to support school stability by:

- Assisting with immediate school enrollment, credit recovery, graduation planning, dropout prevention, tutoring, complete comprehensive academic assessments and linking students to resources and programs within and outside of the school district.
- Providing youth in group homes with comprehensive and integrated services to successfully transition from institutionalization to further schooling or employment.
- Preventing youth who are at-risk from dropping out of school, and to provide dropouts and youth returning from correctional facilities with a support system to ensure their continued education.

BACKGROUND

Evidence based research during the 2009-10 school year showed that among students who were in foster care placement, 10 percent were placed in group homes. Students in group homes and those who experienced 3 or more placements fall behind grade level due to academic difficulties, interruptions in schooling (including changes in schools), and/or inconsistent delivery of academic support. In addition, students placed in group homes are most likely to drop out (14 percent) compare to other students in foster care (an average of 8 percent). Students in groups homes were also the least likely to graduate, at 35 percent graduation rate. In an effort to address the high drop-out rate and low graduation rate of students residing in group homes, Group Home Scholars Program was created.



PURPOSE

The Group Home Scholars Program collaborates with LAUSD's Foster Youth Achievement Program, Department of Children & Family Services, Los Angeles County Office of Education and the Probation Department in order to provide targeted case management, counseling services, tiered support services and interventions for students residing in group homes. Group Home Liaisons, Group Home Counselor Aides, and Group Home Teacher Assistants will work together to remove barriers that impact student achievement to ensure that all students in group homes have equal access to an appropriate education and a brighter future. Program staff are housed in select schools, group homes, probation offices and the central LAUSD office.

PROGRAM SERVICES & SUPPORT STAFF

The Group Home Scholars Program collaborates with LAUSD's Foster Youth Achievement Program, Department of Children & Family Services, and Los Angeles County Office of Education. The Group Home Scholars Program staff provide the following support services:

- Provide Individual/group counseling
- Provide targeted student case management
- Conduct a comprehensive academic assessment and subsequently develop an individual success plan for each youth
- Provide ongoing intensive case management
- Ensure equitable access to resources
- Advocate for the educational rights of youth
- Promote school stability



Grade Level	Expected Outcomes
Elementary	All foster youth will have a comprehensive academic assessment that incorporates attendance and behavior (i.e., work habits and cooperation) and a STAR assessment
Middle	In addition to a comprehensive academic assessment, all foster youth in middle school that reside in a group home will receive an Individualized Student Success Plan and STAR assessment.
High	In addition to a comprehensive academic assessment, all foster youth in high school that reside in a group home will receive an Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) and STAR assessment.



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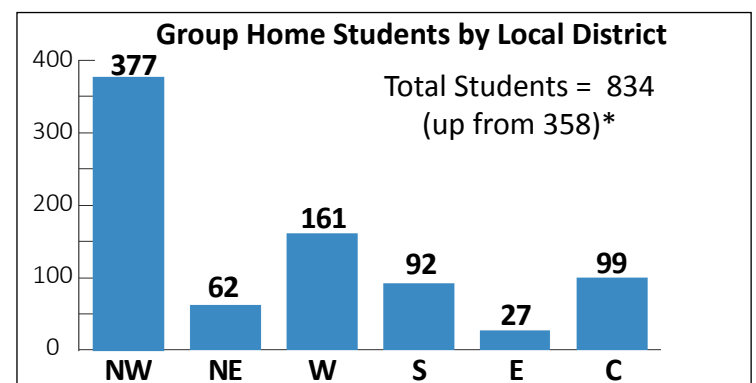
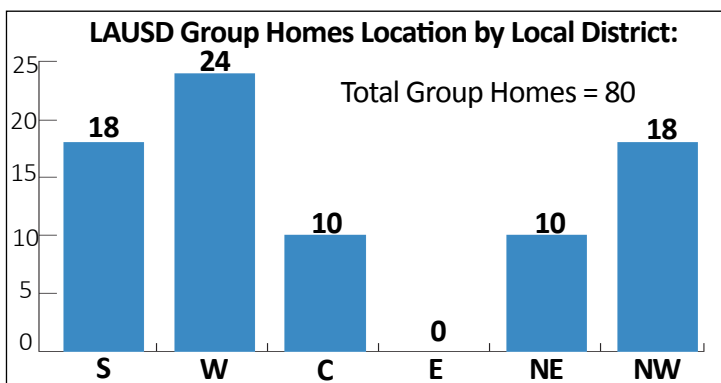
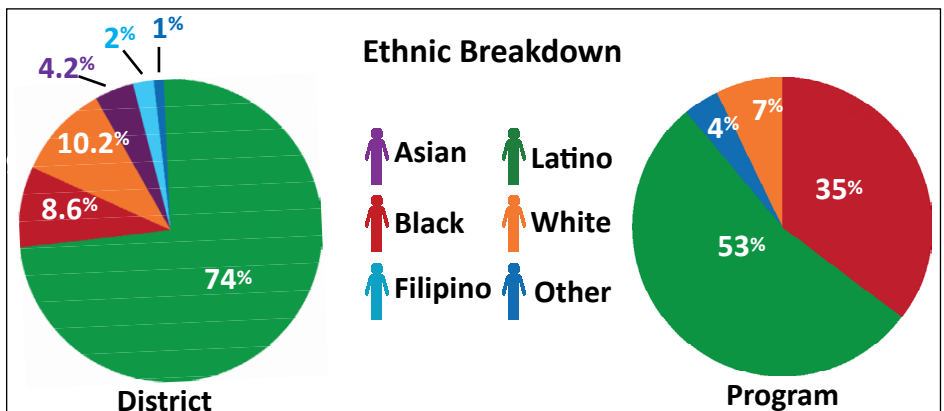
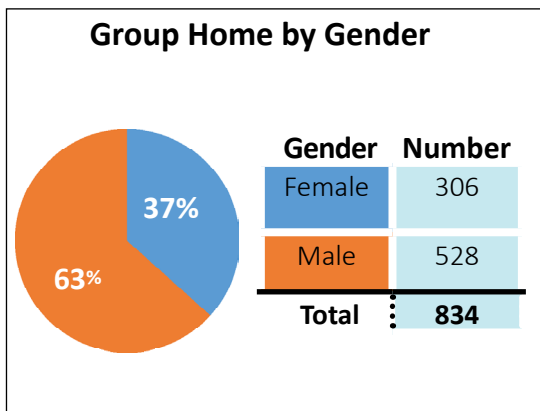
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Group Home Liaison PSA Counselors are housed at select group homes and probation department offices throughout Los Angeles County. They provide targeted case management and counseling services to support our students by conducting comprehensive academic assessments, developing treatment case plans, ensuring successful transition from camps to schools, assisting with school enrollment, transfer of student records, dropout prevention and progress towards graduation.

Group Home Counselor PSA Aides assist our Group Home Liaisons with student case management, review of student records, student assessments, implementation of interventions and follow-up of student counseling and guidance services that involve educational and career planning, personal/social development, and extracurricular activities. Work with our Group Home Liaisons to provide instructional support and assistance to teachers in preparation for, carrying out, and following up on instruction to individual or small groups of students residing in group homes.

WHO WE SERVE

We are currently serving students residing in 102 group homes throughout Los Angeles County.



* Number may vary from month to month

Highlights of 2015-16:

