



*"Just because I am a foster child, doesn't mean I'll quit on school."*

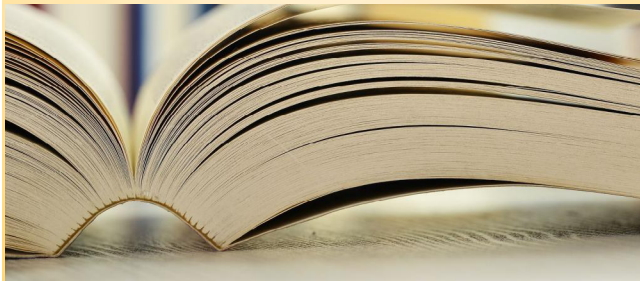
C.H., 18 years old

*"Before I was 100 credits behind, but with my counselor's help I was able to make them up and graduate on time."*

M.D., 17 years old

*"If people I've met while in foster care like my teachers, counselors, and social workers didn't see my potential and look past my label as a foster child, I really don't know where I would be right now."*

L.S., 17 years old



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## FOSTER YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

*We are a specialized program within the LAUSD Pupil Services Unit.*

### Mission

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

### Vision

To meet the needs of all LAUSD youth in foster care by providing comprehensive services to improve attendance, educational achievement, and socio-emotional well-being.



### Program Goals

- Ensure timely school enrollment
- Increase student attendance
- Improve academic achievement
- Encourage and sustain school stability
- Improve social skills
- Ensure equitable access to resources
- Advocate for appropriate school placement
- Increase graduation rates

### We serve...

**Students** - youth placed in foster homes with an open dependency court case

**Schools** - School-Site Foster Care Advocates, Local Districts, school administrators, office staff, teachers, and school support staff

**Community agencies** - organizations involved in the supervision, care and support of foster youth

**Caregivers** - foster parents, relative caregivers and biological parents



### Program Services

- Provide comprehensive academic assessments
- Advocate for the educational rights of foster youth
- Coordinate services for foster youth
- Collaborate with school programs and community agencies
- Participate in multi-disciplinary educational meetings
- Develop goals and provide interventions
- Refer to District and community resources

### Counseling

- Group counseling
- Transition counseling
- Individual counseling

### Enrollment/Records

- Facilitate transfer of student records
- Provide guidance and assistance with timely enrollment
- Assist with appropriate school placement

### Training/Consultation

- Provide professional development trainings on LAUSD policies and legislation regarding youth in foster care
- Provide consultation to School-Site Foster Care Advocates, Local Districts, schools, and community agencies