



**San Francisco Unified School District
Student Support Services Department
Foster Youth Services Program**



Promoting Educational Success for Foster Youth Foster Youth Services Professional Development Opportunities

What is Foster Youth Services?

San Francisco Unified School District's Student Support Services Department, Foster Youth Services (FYS) Program is here to address the unique educational needs of foster youth. In order to do so, FYS focuses on **six major goals:**

- Academic Enhancement
- Educational Case Management
- Professional Development
- Foster/Adoptive Parent Recruitment
- Permanency Planning
- Successful School Transitions

To support these goals, FYS provides:

- Tutoring for elementary and middle school students and high school referrals to Independent Living Skills Program
- FYS Liaisons that are specially trained school-site staff that serve as educational advocates for youth and support for caregivers and other adults in the students' lives
- School-based educational case management services
- Child specific permanency work and school-based permanency recruitment
- Support with immediate enrollment and transfer of records
- Guardian Scholars Summer Academy to support a smooth transition from high school to college
- Professional development on topics related to the educational needs of foster youth.

Topics FYS can provide trainings on:

- Laws specific to the educational rights of foster youth;
- Resources available in SFUSD and in the community for foster youth;
- Enrollment procedures within SFUSD;
- Understanding how to navigate the school system;
- Understanding how to navigate the special education system;
- Learning how to become a foster/adoptive parent, educational surrogate, and/or mentor

Who:

The professional development opportunities are available to social workers, probation officers, caregivers, education staff, and service providers working with foster youth, and those interested in being a foster/adoptive parent, education surrogate, and/or mentor.

Where:

FYS staff can come to your site to provide the training.

How:

If you would like to set up a training, please contact **Maya Webb** at 415-242-2615 x3310 or webbm1@sfusd.edu or **Shira Andron** at 415-242-2615 x3055 or androns@sfusd.edu.

Please check out our website, www.healthiersf.org/fys, for more information.