

Foster Youth Support Organizations and Services

Focus Area	Organization	Description	Contact
<u>Educational Support Services</u>	San Francisco Human Services Agency/Family and Children Services	City and County of San Francisco Human Services Agency (HSA)/SFUSD Educational Liaison provides support and advocacy for foster youths' educational needs.	Gloria Anthony-Oliver (415) 557-5305 Email: Gloria.Anthony-Oliver@sfgov.org
	SFUSD/SHPD Foster Youth Services Program (FYSP)	<u>Case Management/Advocacy</u> : FYS Liaisons and MSW Interns provide educational case management services. <u>Tutoring</u> : One to one school and community-based tutoring to SF elementary and middle school foster youth. <u>Mentoring</u> : school-based mentoring (see mentoring for success below). <u>Permanency Work</u> : child specific permanency work and school/community outreach for the recruitment of foster/adoptive parents, respite providers, etc.	(415) 242-2615 www.healthiersf.org/fys
	AVID	AVID is a program designed to help underachieving middle and high school students prepare for and succeed in colleges and universities.	(415) 379-7636 X1206 Email: OwensJ@sfusd.edu
	Gear Up	The GearUp Program prepares low-income students to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. GEAR UP serves a cohort of middle school students and follows the cohort through high school.	(415) 750-4500 Email: lambertm@sfusd.edu
	Support Services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) Youth	Support Services for LGBTQ youth provides school site resources and district support to meet the needs of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth and families. Services include curriculum development, training, counseling and referral services, and Gay Pride commemorations.	(415) 242-2615 Bertolinii@sfusd.edu GoginK@sfusd.edu www.healthiersf.org/LGBTQ
	Supplemental Educational Services (SES)	Supplemental educational services (SES) are additional academic instruction (free tutoring) provided outside of the regular school day. Eligible students are low-income students who attend Title I Program Improvement (PI) Years 2 through 5 schools.	(415) 379-7621 X1021 CraigR@sfusd.edu
<u>Mentoring</u>	Court Appointed Special Advocate (SFCASA)	SFCASA volunteers provide consistent one-on-one mentorship and advocacy, carefully evaluating and addressing the needs of client children	(415) 398-8001 www.sfcasa.org
	Mentoring for Success	School-based mentoring designed to build student assets, enhance academic success and reduce absenteeism. Mentors are school site staff and community volunteers who spend one hour a week with their students.	(415) 242-2615 FarrellE@sfusd.edu VargasL2@sfusd.edu
<u>Independent Living Skills</u>	Independent Living Skills Program (ILSP)	ILSP provides eligible youth with the skills and resources necessary to become self-sufficient. Services include access to housing, job training, tutoring, education, counseling, post-secondary resources, case management and life skill workshops.	(800) 818-2989 www.sfilsp.org

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<u>School Safety</u>	Safe School Line	To report incidents or concerns affecting the safety of any student. All callers will remain anonymous unless you choose to provide your information. Examples of what you can report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • threats/intimidation • racial/gender slurs • harassment/bullying 	(415) 241-2141 safeschool@sfusd.edu
<u>Health Services</u>	Safe Passages Program	Safe Passages program staff provide and link students to health care and prevention/early intervention programs and services to support the successful transition between grade levels. Services include mental health, substance use prevention and treatment, violence prevention, physical health, mentoring, and linkage to community based resources. Participating schools include: Giannini, Francisco, Hoover, James Lick, Visitacion Valley Middle, Civic Center Secondary, and Hilltop	(415) 242-2615 SarikeyC@sfusd.edu
	High School Wellness Centers	High School Wellness Centers provide and link students to health care and prevention/early intervention programs and services. Services include mental health, substance use prevention and treatment, reproductive and physical health and linkage to community based resources. Participating schools include Phillip Burton, Downtown, Galileo, ISA, June Jordan, Lincoln, Lowell, Marshall, Mission, Newcomer, John O'Connell, SOTA, Wallenberg, Washington, Ida B. Wells	(415) 242-2615 GoginK@sfusd.edu BlanchardD@sfusd.edu
	A Home Within	A Home Within's <u>Children's Psychotherapy Project</u> recruits clinicians in the private sector to offer weekly pro bono therapy.	(415) 474-6365 www.ahomewithin.org
	Foster Care Mental Health Program	Mental health services specifically for foster youth. Youth must be referred by their child welfare worker.	(415) 970-3875 www.sanfrancisco.networkofcare.org
	Victim Witness Assistance Program	Referrals for counseling, financial assistance, restraining orders; Restitution collection and reimbursement; Notice of release of offender	(415) 553-9044 www.vcgcb.ca.gov
	California Youth Crisis Line	Provides 24-hour counseling service, information and referrals for all areas of California regarding medical services, shelters, crisis centers, AIDS testing, and transportation info.	(800) 843-5200 www.youthcrisisline.org
	Extended Medi-Cal	All foster youth are eligible for Medi-Cal. Youth have the right to receive needed medical and dental care while in foster care and after they emancipate. Through the Extended Medi-Cal Program for Emancipated Foster Youth, young people whose dependency terminated at 18 or later can continue to receive Medi-Cal until their 21st birthday.	(415) 558-1947 www.sfhsa.org

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<u>Enrichment Activities</u>	Fostering Art	Fostering Art builds hard skills in photography while also recognizing and addressing the personal histories of its participants.	415-652-1434 www.fosteringart.org
	SFUSD ExCEL After School Program	The SFUSD ExCEL After School Program provides elementary through high school youth with academic, enrichment and recreation opportunities at SFUSD schools.	(415) 750-8650 CrawfordY@sfusd.edu www.healthiersf.org/ExCELafterschool
<u>Special Needs</u>	Community Alliance for Special Education (CASE)	Community Alliance for Special Education (CASE) provides free individual consultations, representation, and training. CASE supports families by going with them to IEP meetings as a primary service.	(415) 431-2285 www.caseadvocacy.org
	Department of Rehabilitation	The Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) assists Californians with disabilities obtain and retain employment and maximize their ability to live independently in their communities.	(415) 904-7100 www.rehab.cahwnet.gov
	Golden Gate Regional Center	Provides support for children with developmental disabilities and their families.	(415) 546-9222 www.ggrc.org
	Support for Families of Children with Disabilities	Support for Families of Children with Disabilities offers information, education, and parent-to-parent support free of charge to families of children with any disability or special health care need in SF.	(415) 920-5040 or (415) 282-7494 www.supportforfamilies.org
<u>Advocacy</u>	California Youth Connection	California Youth Connection (CYC) is an advocacy organization of current and former foster youth between the ages of 14-24 years.	(800) 397-8236 www.calyouthconn.org
	Foster Care Ombudsman Program	Acts as an independent forum for the investigation and resolution of complaints made by or on behalf of children placed in foster care and makes appropriate referrals.	(877) 846-1602 www.fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov
	Legal Services for Children	Free legal representation for children and youth in cases that include legal guardianship, dependency, school discipline, immigration, emancipation, and restraining order proceedings.	(415) 863-3762 www.lsc-sf.org
	Avokids	Avokids provides information and resources to assist any interested person in bringing issues before the court concerning a foster child's health, safety and welfare.	(415) 924-0587 www.advokids.org
<u>Truancy</u>	Truancy Assessment & Resource Center	TARC provides youth and families information and supports needed to get back into school and is staffed by Urban Services YMCA, San Francisco Unified School District and other community based organizations.	(415) 437-1700 aparker@ymcasf.org
	Center for Academic Re-entry and Empowerment (CARE) Program	CARE provides an intensive, nine-week, credit-bearing course of study designed to engage youth at risk of dropping out of high school.	(415) 695-5543 andersonc@sfusd.edu
	Gateway to College	Gateway to College is a program at City College of San Francisco that serves students between 16-20, who have dropped out of high school or may not graduate.	(415) 550-4335 gateway@ccsf.edu

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<u>Records/Permits</u>	Transcripts	Official SFUSD Transcripts can be requested in person or by mail at 555 Portola Drive, Room 380, San Francisco, CA 94131.	(415) 695-5564 Tufom@sfusd.edu
	Special Education Records	SFUSD Special Education Records can be requested by email, fax or phone by authorized persons.	Phone: (415) 452-4632 Fax: (415) 750-8563 RamirezE2@sfusd.edu
	Work Permits	Work permits can be obtained from the Work Permit Office located at 555 Portola Drive, Room 380 for eligible youth.	(415) 695-5564 AllenP@sfusd.edu
<u>Housing</u>	Larkin Street Youth Services	Larkin Street offers a range of housing options-from emergency shelter to permanent supportive housing-in addition to wraparound services including education, employment training; healthcare, including mental health, substance abuse and HIV services; and case management.	(415) 673-0911 www.larkinstreetyouth.org
	First Place for Youth	First Place targets its services to 16 to 23 year-olds who are preparing to age out of foster care or who have recently aged out of care. First Place offers three programs: First Foundation, First Steps, and My First Place.	(510) 272-0979 www.firstplaceforyouth.org
	The Salvation Army	The Salvation Army's Aged out Foster Youth (AOFY) Program provides housing to youth between the ages of 18-24 who have "aged out" of the foster care system.	Contact ILSP for more information: (415) 934-4202
<u>Post-Secondary Support</u>	Chafee Education and Training Vouchers	Federal funds for foster youth, with up to \$5,000 a year toward the cost of attending college or vocational training. Eligible expenses include tuition and room and board.	www.chafee.csac.ca.gov
	City College of San Francisco's Guardian Scholars Program	City College of San Francisco's Guardian Scholars Program is a coordinated program that meets the needs of former foster youth qualified to enroll and/or enrolled at the college. In partnership with CCSF, SFUSD and ILSP, high school to college transitional support is offered through the Guardian Scholars Summer Academy.	(415) 239-3682 Email: mmcpartl@ccsf.edu
	San Francisco State University's Guardian Scholars Program (GSP)	GSP is a comprehensive program of the SFSU Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), which serves former foster youth who are pursuing their undergraduate degrees. The individual case management services offered will enhance EOP's current academic focus.	(415) 405-0546 Email: xvsz@sfsu.edu
	California College Pathways	The California College Pathways provides information, contacts and resources regarding California college campus foster youth support programs and resources.	www.cacollegepathways.org
	California Colleges.edu	CaliforniaColleges.edu is the state's official website that provides information about higher education in California for students, counselors, and parents. It includes features to explore colleges, college planning, and online applications	www.californiacolleges.edu