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Collaborative Partners

- San Francisco Human Services Agency  
  Family and Children Services
- Superior Court of California  
  Unified Family Court
- San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department
- City College of San Francisco  
  Guardian Scholars Program
- United Way of the Bay Area  
  Honoring Emancipated Youth (HEY)
- Legal Services for Children
- San Francisco  
  Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
- San Francisco  
  Independent Living Skills Program (ILSP)
- California Youth Connection (CYC)
- Jewish Vocational Services (JVS)
- Learning Services of Northern California
- Learning Ladder, Inc.
The San Francisco Unified School District's Foster Youth Services Program (FYS) strives to address the unique educational needs of foster youth by working collaboratively with youth, caregivers, schools, placing agencies, and other service providers.

Foster children have been removed from the care of their parents primarily because of abuse or neglect due to complex family, social, and environmental conditions out of their control. Foster youth often experience multiple changes in home placements and interruptions in school. As a result, studies show:

- 35 percent of foster youth experience four or more school changes.
- Each school move results in a four to six month loss of educational progress.
- 46 percent of foster youth do not complete high school.

The FYS Program focuses on five major goals:

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

Academic Enhancement
Elementary and Middle School foster youth students have the opportunity for individualized school and community-based academic tutoring. High school students are referred to the SF-Independent Living Skills Program.

Educational Case Management
At every SFUSD school, a specially trained FYS Liaison serves as an educational advocate for foster youth.

FYS Liaisons:
- Connect youth to school and community resources
- Facilitate communication with caregivers, school staff, and social workers/probation officers
- Troubleshoot school-related issues
- Participate in Team Decision Making meetings
- Provide on-site academic counseling and transitional services to detained foster youth

Graduate level MSW Interns provide individual and group interventions to support foster youth students.

MSW Intern services include:
- Academic Planning
- School-based Behavioral Support
- Vocational/Career Exploration
- Transitional Support
- Resource and Referral

Foster/Adoptive Parent Recruitment
Over 600 SF foster youth are in need of a permanent home. SFUSD is committed to supporting foster youth in finding a permanent family right here in San Francisco. It is a proven fact that youth in stable home environments do better in school.

Successful School Transitions
When applying for enrollment in SFUSD, FYS will ensure foster youth receive:
- Immediate enrollment
- Transfer of educational records
- Information about FYS services

In partnership with the City College of San Francisco, the Guardian Scholars Summer Academy prepares students for a smooth transition from high school to college. Students participate in a six-week program focused on college success and career exploration.

Professional Development
FYS staff and community partners are available to provide training for school site staff, caregivers, service providers, and others on topics related to the educational needs of foster youth.

Meet your school site FYS Liaison:
FYS Liaison
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Educational Rights Policy AB490
AB 490 provides foster youth educational rights dictated by the best interests of the youth.