

College Access Programs

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A Guide for Allies of Underserved Youth



Alameda County, California

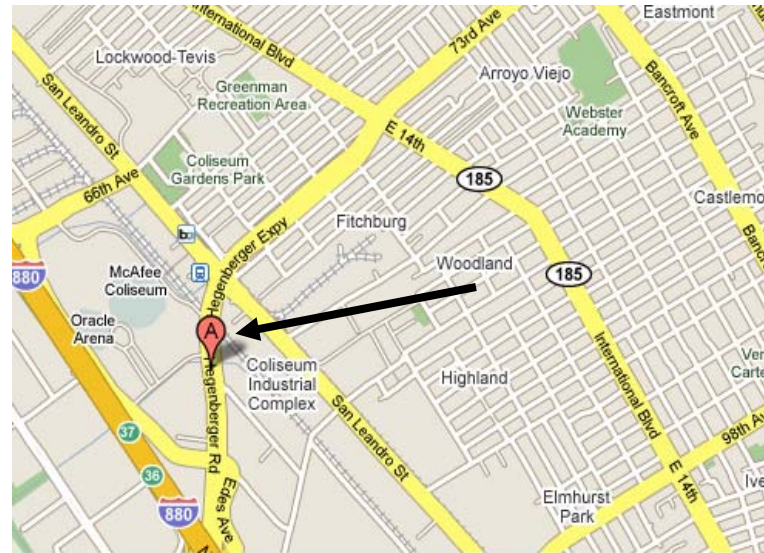


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Fred Finch Youth Center	Foster Youth Alliance (FYA)

Services and support are available at our Hegenberger office for current and former foster youth, as well as youth who lived in group homes or residential treatment programs. Youth from both the child welfare and probation systems are welcome to check with us to discuss their goals and needs and to learn about the services and resources that are available to help them.



BUS:

The 45 and 73 AC Transit bus lines stop right in front of the building.

BART:

BART to the Coliseum station, catch the 45/73 bus or walk eight minutes across San Leandro St. west up the entrance ramp to 675 Hegenberger Road.

About This Guide

Nearly 70% of emancipating foster youth express the desire to go to college, but fewer than half earn a high school diploma or GED. Of those graduating from high school, only ten percent enroll in college, and fewer than three percent graduate with a BA or higher.¹ There are many college access programs in Alameda County with the goal of helping underserved youth succeed in high school and prepare for college. Foster youth, however, rarely participate in these important programs. This guide is intended to help foster youth and their supportive adults make informed decisions about college access programs, with the goal of increasing the number of foster youth prepared for and attending college.

Although the commitment required varies from daily or weekly meetings to quarterly drop-ins, all of the programs listed in this guide provide some level of academic advising and college preparation above and beyond what a student receives in a normal school day.

How to Use This Guide

Programs are listed in alphabetical order. Entries include the services provided, the communities and age groups served, the eligibility requirements, and a contact person. An index organized by location is on pages 15-16. Geographic areas are separated by school district. Non-school sites and programs that accept students from anywhere in Alameda County are also listed in the appropriate districts. For more information about any program, use the contact information provided in each entry.

¹*Assessing the effects of foster care: Early results from the Casey National Alumni study.* Seattle, WA: Casey Family Programs, 2003. Available at www.casey.org.



Disclaimer & Acknowledgments

The guide presents organizations that Beyond Emancipation has worked with or researched. Please note that the guide is updated twice a year and we hope to include additional programs as more information is received. Please contact B:E to request the most recent version. You can also find this in PDF format online at:

<http://www.beyondemancipation.org/edsupport.php>

If you feel as though an organization has been left out or that information is inaccurate or outdated, please contact us with your suggestions at info@beyondemancipation.org.

Thanks to the staff of the participating organizations for their time and assistance in compiling this guide, and for their commitment to improve service to Alameda County's foster youth. Thanks also to the high school age foster youth for their hard work and determination as they navigate the challenges of high school and work toward success in college.

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Destination College

UC Berkeley, Center for Educational Partnerships

2150 Kittredge Street

Berkeley, CA 94720

<http://cep.berkeley.edu/DC>

Destination College promotes higher education to low-income, first generation youth in the Bay Area by placing staff, who provide academic advising and tutoring services, at partner sites throughout Alameda County.

Contact

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Services Provided

Academic Advising

Tutoring/Academic Support

Communities Served

Arroyo High School

Berkeley High School

Downtown Berkeley YMCA

Long Fellow Middle School

Mt. Eden High School

San Leandro High School

Skyline High School

Youth Radio

Berkeley Technology Academy

Cal State East Bay College Corps

James Logan High School

Martin Luther King Middle School

Oakland Technical High School

San Lorenzo High School

Think College Now Elementary School

Age Groups Served

Elementary School-12th Grade (*depends on the partnering program*)

Application Process

Half of the partnering sites have an application process.

Eligibility

Must be a participant and meet the eligibility requirement of a partner program at one of the sites served.

Early Academic Outreach Program

UC Berkeley, Center for Educational Partnerships

2150 Kittredge Street

Berkeley, CA 94720

<http://students.berkeley.edu/apa/apa%20home/eaop/>

The mission of **EAOP at UC Berkeley** is to prepare students from under-resourced communities for admission to colleges and universities.

Contact

Jose Rivas

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Services Provided

College Information

College Applications

SAT/ACT Preparation

Tutoring

Financial Aid Assistance

College Tours

Communities Served

Arroyo High School

James Logan High School

Oakland Tech High School

San Lorenzo High School

Tennyson High School

Berkeley High School

Mt. Eden High School

San Leandro High School

Skyline High School

Age Groups Served

9th-12th Grade

Application Process

Applications are accepted throughout the school year.

Eligibility

Must meet low-income requirements and/or be a first generation college student.

East Bay Consortium/Cal-SOAP

UC Berkeley, Center for Educational Partnerships

314 E. 10th Street

Oakland, CA 94606

<http://www.eastbayconsortium.org/>

The **East Bay Consortium/Cal-SOAP** provides services to students and teachers in Oakland to achieve the goal of increasing the number of students finishing high school and enrolling in post-secondary institutions.

Contact

Cynthia Gonzalez

510-451-5917

cynthia@eastbayconsortium.org

Services Provided

College Advising

Tutoring

College Info Day

Cash for College Workshops

Communities Served

All OUSD students can receive college advising at the center located at 314 E. 10th Street in Oakland. The following schools have more specialized services:

Tutoring Services

Fremont Federation High School

Skyline High School

Saint Elizabeth High School

Coliseum College Prep Academy

United for Success Middle School

College and Career Centers

Life Academy

Castlemont High School

MetWest High School

College Advising

Skyline High School

Sojourner Truth

Age Groups Served

6th-12th Grade, Above 12th Grade/Out of School Youth

Application Process

None

Eligibility

Most programs require students to be registered in Oakland Unified School District.

East Oakland Youth Development Center

Pathways to College

8200 International Boulevard

Oakland, CA 94621

http://www.eoydc.org/?page_id=45

The **Pathways to College Program** at the East Oakland Youth Development Center is designed to help students make a smooth, uncomplicated, and informed transition into college life.

Contact

Jasmine Thompson

510-569-8088

ptc.eoydc@gmail.com

Services Provided

Academic Counseling

Financial Aid Assistance

College Catalog Access

Internship Placements

Personal Statement Preparation

College Transfer Information

SAT and ACT Preparation

Opportunities for Youth Leadership

Communities Served

Students from any school or geographic area may participate, but EOYDC primarily serves youth from East Oakland.

Age Groups Served

8th-12th Grade, Above 12th Grade/Out of School Youth

Application Process

An application is required and is accepted year round.

Eligibility

Workshops are offered throughout the year and participants are expected to attend as many as possible (6 minimum). Participants must submit yearly personal statements, have monthly check-ins with the PTC coordinator, and submit their grades each term.

Educational Guidance Center Talent Search

UC Berkeley, Center for Educational Partnerships

2150 Kittredge Street

Berkeley, CA 94720

<http://students.berkeley.edu/outreach/egc/>

The **Educational Guidance Center Talent Search Program** is a US Department of Education/TRIO-sponsored program offering college access and support services to low income, first generation college-bound students at affiliated East Bay schools.

Contact

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Services Provided

High School Retention Support

ACT/SAT Test Preparation

Individual Educational Plans

College Admission Assistance

Career Workshops

Summer Day Program

Graduation Guidance

College Planning

Financial Aid Assistance

Academic Workshops

Cultural Workshops

Communities Served

Emiliano Zapata Street Academy

Oakland Technical High School

Oakland High School

Skyline High School

EGC also enrolls clients from outside the serviced school districts at their Berkeley office.

Age Groups Served

6-12th Grade, Above 12th Grade/Out of School Youth

Application Process

An application is required and is accepted throughout the year.

Eligibility

Participants must be between the ages of 11 and 27, be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, and be low-income and/or first generation college bound.

Mills Educational Talent Search Program (METS)

Mills College Trio Programs

Reinhardt Hall, C Wing, 5000 MacArthur Blvd.

Oakland, CA 94613

<http://www.mills.edu/trio/>

The **Mills Educational Talent Search Program** is a federally funded TRIO program offering a variety of services that support participants as they complete high school and successfully make the transition to college.

Contact

Mayra Guevara

510-430-3126

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Services Provided

One-on-One Advising	ACT/SAT Preparation
Career Exploration	College Admissions Advising
Financial Aid Advising	Scholarship Application Assistance
College Tours	Summer Enrichment Programs
Academic Workshops	Cultural Workshops
Re-entry services for high school or college drop-outs	

Communities Served

All eligible Oakland students can receive services. The following schools have targeted academic advising available:

Coliseum College Prep Academy	Castlemont High School
LPS-College Park	Far West High School
Fremont High School	Life Academy

Age Groups Served

6-12th Grade, Above 12th Grade/Out of School Youth

Application Process

Applications are collected year-round at target high schools and at the Mills TRIO office.

Eligibility

Participants must be between the ages of 11 and 27, be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, be low-income and/or first generation college bound, and be a current or reentry student in the Oakland community.

Upward Bound

California State University, East Bay

25800 Carlos Bee Boulevard, ST 80

Hayward, CA 94542

<http://www20.csueastbay.edu/academic/academic-support/upward-bound/index.html>

Upward Bound at CSU East Bay is a federally funded TRiO program designed to improve high school students' academic skills and decision-making skills while building the self-confidence necessary to prepare them to obtain a college education of their choice.

Contact

Diana Warren

510-885-2959

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Services Provided

During the school year, students attend Saturday classes and during the summer, students participate in a six-week program from 8:00 am-4:00 pm. Services include:

Academic Support

Career Advising

College Admission Assistance

College Motivation and Counseling

Social/Cultural Activities

Communities Served

Hayward High School

Mt. Eden High School

Tennyson High School

James Logan High School

San Lorenzo High School

Age Groups Served

9th-12th Grade

Application Process

Applications are due March 1 every year. Applicants must attend an Information Day in January or February to receive an application.

Applicants must be in 8th or 9th grade when applying.

Eligibility

Students must be a U.S. citizen and possess a social security card, low-income and/or first-generation college-bound or at high risk of academic failure.

Upward Bound

UC Berkeley, Center for Educational Partnerships

2150 Kittredge Street

Berkeley, CA 94720

<http://upwardbound.berkeley.edu/>

Upward Bound at UC Berkeley provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in pre-college performance and ultimately in higher education pursuits.

Contact

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Services Provided

During the school year, students attend Saturday classes and during the summer, students participate in a six-week residential program. Services include:

Academic Support	College Motivation and Counseling
Career Advising	Social/Cultural Activities
College Admission Assistance	

Communities Served

Castlemont High School	Fremont High School
McClymonds High School	Oakland High School
Oakland Tech High School	Skyline High School

Age Groups Served

9th-12th Grade

Application Process

Applicants must submit a pre-screening eligibility questionnaire and income documentation. Applications include an autobiographical essay, teacher and counselor recommendations, current transcript, and a personal interview.

Eligibility

Students must attend one of the target schools, be in 9th-11th grade, be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, meet low-income requirements, be a first generation college student, and demonstrate a need for academic services.

Upward Bound

Mills College Trio Programs, Reinhardt Hall, C Wing

5000 MacArthur Blvd.

Oakland, CA 94613

<http://www.mills.edu/trio/>

Upward Bound at Mills College is a federally funded TRIO program designed to prepare students with the academic, social, and motivational skills necessary to complete high school and successfully pursue a college education.

Contact

Irene McKillop

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Services Provided

During the school year, students meet regularly with an academic advisor and attend a series of Saturday classes. In the summer, students participate in a six-week residential program. Services include:

Academic Support

Career Advising

College Admission Assistance

College Motivation and Counseling

Social/Cultural Activities

Communities Served

McClymonds High School

Oakland Tech High School

Oakland High School

Skyline High School

Age Groups Served

9th-12th Grade

Application Process

Applications are accepted at the target schools throughout the year, but the most beneficial time for a student to apply is the beginning of the school year.

Eligibility

Students must attend one of the target schools, be in 9th-11th grade, be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, be low-income and/or first generation college bound, and demonstrate a need for academic services.

Youth UpRising

Career and Education Program

8711 MacArthur Boulevard

Oakland, CA 94605

<http://youthuprising.org/programs/career-education>

Youth UpRising works with a broad range of youth, from those primed for a four-year university to those struggling to graduate high school. YU help members complete high school or their equivalency exam and guide them through the transition to post-secondary education.

Contact

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Services Provided

GED Preparation

School Re-enrollment Assistance

Study Habits Clinics

Individual Academic Planning

Tutoring

Computer Literacy Clinics

Service Learning

ACT/SAT Preparation

Financial Aid Assistance

College Application Assistance

College tours

Communities Served

Open to all Alameda County residents

Age Groups Served

Ages 14-24

Application Process

No application is required. New participants must attend a membership orientation.

Eligibility

Participants must meet the age requirements and reside in Alameda County.

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More College Access Resources

For more information on college access programs in Alameda County and the surrounding area, visit the following web sites:

College Bound Brotherhood

<http://www.collegeboundbros.org/directory/search.php>

Use this searchable directory to find more college readiness and enrichment programs for African American and other youth throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

National College Access Network

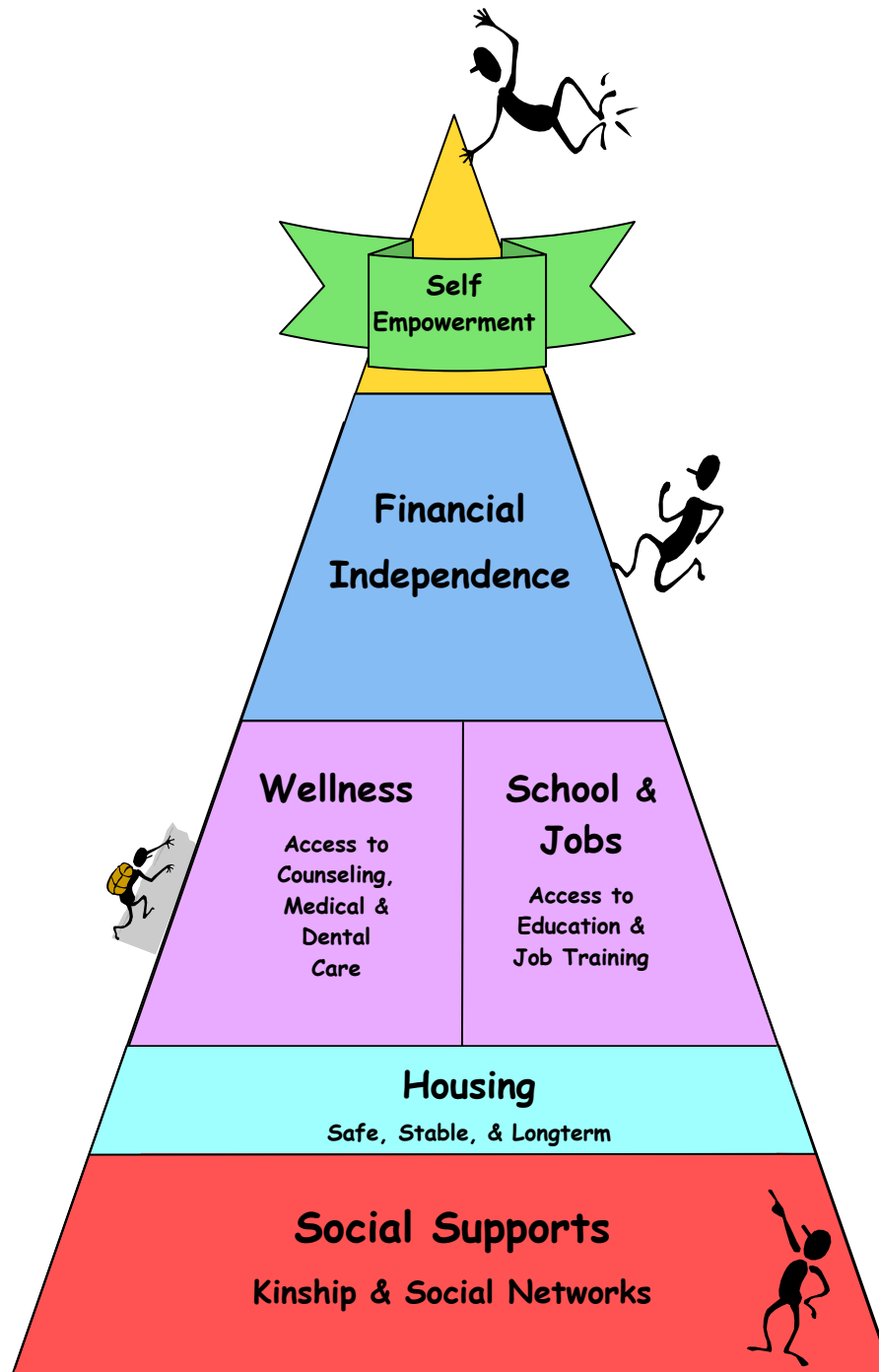
http://www.collegeaccess.org/member_directory.aspx

The member directory of the National College Access Network provides information on college access providers throughout California.

College Access Foundation of California

<http://www.collegeaccessfoundation.org/grants/grant-recipients.aspx>

This site provides a list of the grantees for the College Access Foundation of California, including links to each grant recipient's web site for more information.



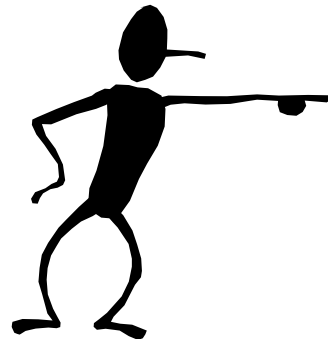


Our mission is to help Alameda County's current and former foster youth make successful transitions into adulthood and independent living.

Beyond Emancipation is Alameda County's primary provider of aftercare services to youth from the child welfare system. In addition, we provide these services to eligible youth from the juvenile probation system. Information and referral support is available to all transitional age youth, between the ages of 16 to 24.

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