College Access Programs

A Guide for Allies of Underserved Youth

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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.

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.

Edited by Sara Goldware, Education Specialist
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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
Lesley Swain
510-643-1925
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Services Provided
Academic Advising
Tutoring/Academic Support

Communities Served
Arroyo High School   Berkeley Technology Academy
Berkeley High School   Cal State East Bay College Corps
Downtown Berkeley YMCA   James Logan High School
Long Felllow Middle School   Martin Luther King Middle School
Mt. Eden High School   Oakland Technical High School
San Leandro High School   San Lorenzo High School
Skyline High School   Think College Now Elementary School
Youth Radio

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
510-643-9189
jgrivas@berkeley.edu

Services Provided
College Information
College Applications
SAT/ACT Preparation
Tutoring
Financial Aid Assistance
College Tours

Communities Served
Arroyo High School  Berkeley High School
James Logan High School  Mt. Eden High School
Oakland Tech High School  San Leandro High School
San Lorenzo High School  Skyline High School
Tennyson 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.
The **East Bay Consortium/Cal-SOCK** 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.
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  
- Personal Statement Preparation  
- Financial Aid Assistance  
- College Transfer Information  
- College Catalog Access  
- SAT and ACT Preparation  
- Internship Placements  
- 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
Kolondra Harvey
510-643-3223
kalo@berkeley.edu

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
mguevara@mills.edu

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
diana.warren@csueastbay.edu

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

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
Norris Sanders
510-643-3218
nsanders@berkeley.edu

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

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
510-430-3128
imckillop@mills.edu

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

Communities Served
- McClymonds High School
- Oakland High School
- Oakland Tech 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
Kobie Kennon
510-777-9909, x180
kkennon@youthuprising.org

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.
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Social Supports
Kinship & Social Networks

Self Empowerment

Social Supports
Kinship & Social Networks
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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