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# Campus Champions

The following individuals serve as advisors for foster youth entering college. There is one Champion at each location to assist with academic course selection, and provide guidance and assistance throughout the student's experience at ACC.



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April 21, 2015

Dear (Student):

Thank you for choosing ACC as your educational partner for higher education. Hopefully you are having a good academic semester at ACC. As the ACC Foster Care Alumni (FCA) Coordinator, I work with the Campus Champions in assisting FCA students to transition into college. You may have already met with one of the following people:

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We want to help you be successful. Please let us know if you need any assistance.

Sincerely,

Loretta Edelen  
Foster Care Alumni Coordinator  
LE: pm

**Campus Champions Meeting Agenda  
March 25, 2015  
HBC, Room 221  
2:30pm – 4pm**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Spring Adopted, Foster, and Exemption Lost Data Update**

**Mitte Grant updates and discussion on Bus passes & procedures**

**Update on Meadows Center presentation**

**Access Granted Update – April 25, 2015 at RVS**

**FCAA Walk/Run in May**

**Review Presentation for Reach Conference**

**Future Plans for JumpStart and Member Updates**

**Superior Health Flier**

**Foster Care notebook from TEA**

**Next Meeting Dates:**

## Foster Care Alumni Program

### Student Support Programs

#### Foster Care Alumni

[Find an FCA Campus Champion](#)

[Library Research Guide: Foster Care Alumni](#)

[Men of Color Programs at ACC](#)

[Support Center](#)

[Evening Childcare](#)



*Foster Care Alumni Association Walk/Reunion at Northridge Campus*

The Foster Care Alumni Program connects you with ACC representatives, called [campus champions](#), who provide one-on-one mentoring and address the legal, medical, housing, and financial challenges you face as a college student and foster care program graduate.

### Jump Start orientation

ACC holds a one-day orientation each summer especially for Foster Care Alumni participants.

### Tuition & fee exemption

As a Texas foster care alumni, you are eligible to attend college free through a [state tuition and fee exemption](#).

### Get Started Now

If you have been in the Texas foster care system, we invite you to get started in our ACC FCA program by becoming more informed.

### Contact a campus champion

There's a campus champion ready to assist you. [Find your campus champion](#).

### Questions & Answers

- [+ Can I get free tuition if I was a ward of another state?](#)
- [+ What if I was adopted?](#)
- [+ I need a job and emergency housing assistance](#)



### Jump Start Orientation 2015

[Learn more >>](#)

**Aging Out of Foster Care?** Then get ready for college.

We're here to help you. [Learn more >>](#)

**2015 Luggage Drive for Foster Care Alumni Under Way**

[Luggage Drive flier \(PDF\)](#)

**Contact Us**

[Loretta Edelen](#)



**Austin Community College | Foster Care Alumni Program** ([www.austincc.edu/fca](http://www.austincc.edu/fca))  
Austin Community College (ACC) supports youth from care through its Student Services office. The impetus for developing these services came from the highest level of college policymakers and administration.

**Program Description:** Austin Community College in Austin, TX provides support to students on its eight campuses through an academic advisor or counselor on each campus. These individuals, known as campus champions, are drawn from the existing staff. The program, called the Foster Care Alumni Program, is managed through the college's Office of Student Support and Success Systems. This management structure is well suited to meet the needs of ACC students because it also administers other offices essential to the success of youth from care, such as financial aid, counseling, and academic support. The vice president for student support and success systems, working with the director of community outreach, spearheaded program development, outreach to community-based organizations, communication, and evaluation. A team with representatives from the college, child welfare, and a key community agency developed the Foster Care Alumni Program. The key components of the program are:

- Pre-college outreach through transitional assistance programs in the community
- Early identification of students using Independent Living contracts, word of mouth, posters, a website, and targeted brochures
- Outreach to students by the campus champions with periodic follow-up contact
- Student services staff collaboration and coordination of services
- A one-day college orientation called Jump-start
- Direct referral of students to resources within and outside of the college
- Concerted problem solving on common issues of concern such as housing, transportation, a comprehensive stream of financial support, childcare, and counseling
- Ongoing opportunities for student leadership and advocacy
- Staff training
- Ongoing data collection of student demographics and academic performance
- Local and state advocacy and awareness of alumni from foster care
- Student club for alumni from foster care and friends

: *“Supporting Success: Improving Higher Education Outcomes for Student from Foster Care,” pg 45-47*

ey Family Programs, A Framework for Program Enhancement  
version 2.0

## OTHER HELP FOR COLLEGE

To receive financial aid from the government such as a PELL Grant, you must apply for federal financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for each year that you attend college. To apply for federal financial aid, visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

### COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS

**The University Of Texas at Arlington** provides a 50 percent discount on residential housing.

**The University Of Texas-Pan American** provides up to six residential housing scholarships per year.

**Texas A&M University at College Station** provides a staff person to help Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) students at the university.

**Texas State University (TSU)-San Marcos** started an annual \$1,000 scholarship for former foster youth. In addition, TSU has a website to provide additional resources and other supports for Foster Care Alumni who are interested in attending TSU or who are enrolled at TSU.

### TO SEARCH FOR SCHOLARSHIPS:

- ★ [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)
- ★ [www.orphan.org](http://www.orphan.org)
- ★ [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- ★ [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- ★ [www.college.gov](http://www.college.gov)
- ★ [www.collegefortexans.com](http://www.collegefortexans.com)
- ★ [www.theccb.state.tx.us](http://www.theccb.state.tx.us)

Or look under Education at [www.texasyouthconnection.org](http://www.texasyouthconnection.org).

**Austin Community College (ACC)** has an outstanding support system for former foster youth attending the college. Part of the success of this system is the participation of community stakeholders through an ongoing workgroup. Members include the Casey Family Programs, Life Works (a community program for homeless and at-risk youth), the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and representatives from DFPS/CPS. During Spring 2010 semester, 138 foster youth were registered at ACC.

**A**sk your caseworker or the PAL staff if there are other college partnerships in the area where you live.

# JUMP START 2015 ORIENTATION

AN EVENT FOR FOSTER CARE AND FOSTER CARE ALUMNI STUDENTS

Great information on how to get started in college

Meet at Highland Campus room 2350

ONE DAY WORKSHOP

August 14, 2015

Friday, 9am - 4pm

All the information you need to start life at ACC

Meet ACC Faculty, Staff and Foster Care Alumni Members

- What to Expect at ACC
- Free Refreshments

Contact Loretta Edelen  
If you have any Questions:  
(512) 223.5106 or  
edelen@austincc.edu

Your path to college begins at ACC. Get started today!

Highland Campus  
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## Register for Jump Start Orientation

- Phone: (512) 223-5186
- Online: [austincc.edu/fca](http://austincc.edu/fca)
- Fax: (512) 223.5033
- In Person: pick up a registration form from the Community Outreach Department, ACC Eastview Campus, 3401 Webberville Road, Austin, TX 78702



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# 2015 Jump Start Orientation Agenda

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## August 14, 2015 Highland Campus Room 2350

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
9 a.m.	Meet at 2350 at HLC
9:10 - 10:00 a.m.	Welcome and Breakfast
10 a.m. – 12 p.m..	Education Training Voucher Presentation- Marisol Lopez, BCFS
12 - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 – 1:15 p.m.	Tour
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Advising, Registration, GPS and Financial Aid
3:30 - 4 p.m.	Questions and Answers and Wrap up

# *From Foster Care to College—we can help you get there!*

**The Foster Care Alumni Committee (FCAC) is a network of organizations and agencies committed to helping alumni from foster care be successful in higher education.**

## ***FCAC Mission***

To develop and enhance community collaboration to improve academic outcomes for foster alumni through access to resources and support.

## ***Program Model Support***

- Campus Champions at each of ACC's 11 campuses -- ACC Counselors or Advisors who are specifically trained in the resources and needs of foster care alumni
- Monthly Meet-ups with FCA students
- FCA Mentor Work-Study Program
- Luggage Project

## ***Coordination***

- Service Providers and Campus Champions meet regularly to coordinate and improve services, share resources, reduce duplication, and attend training
- Strategic Plan addresses direct support, advocacy and coordination

## ***Advocacy***

- Explore housing resources
- Educate the community and legislators
- Pursue grant opportunities
- Share the program locally and nationally

Contact Loretta Edelen, Director, at 512 223.5106 or [edelen@austincc.edu](mailto:edelen@austincc.edu)

## ***Program Sponsors***

- Austin Community College
- CASA of Travis County
- Casey Family Programs
- LifeWorks
- Department of Family Protective Services (DFPS)
- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- Austin Independent School District






# Financial Resources

**Mitte Grant:** Books and School Supplies

**Bank of America:** Books and School  
Supplies

**Sooch Foundation:** Housing for select  
FCA parents

**FCA Work-Study Opportunity**

A photograph of four people standing in a room. On the left is a Black man in a dark suit and red tie. Next to him is a woman in a brown jacket and glasses. To her right are two women in blue business attire. They are standing in front of a large projection screen. The screen displays the text 'COLLABORATION WITH DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT' in large blue letters. Below this, the words 'Foster Care' and 'Professional' are visible in a smaller font. The background also shows a grid of small logos at the top and a map of Texas on the right side. The room has a grey wall with a light switch and electrical outlets, and a patterned carpet.

**COLLABORATION  
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DALLAS COUNTY  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE  
DISTRICT**

Foster Care Professional

# Foster Care Alumni Mentor Meet-Up



**Who:** Foster Care Alumni students

**When:** Friday May 1, 2015, 12:00pm—1:30 pm

**Where:** HLC, Highland Learning Center—Student Life

Room 2350, 6101 Airport Blvd., Austin, TX 78752

**What:** Come and meet other Foster Care Alumni, and ACC mentors.

Let's celebrate the end of Spring '15 Semester & May Day!

***Light lunch will be provided!***

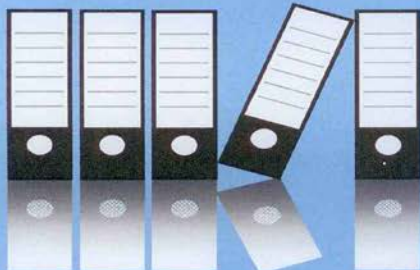
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# FCA RESOURCE DIRECTORY



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1. Housing and Food
2. Medical/Mental Health
3. Financial Support/  
Scholarships
4. Transportation
5. Child Care
6. Employment/Educational  
Support

# Want to help students in need?

## Then DONATE to the ACC Foster Care luggage drive!

Benefiting the Foster Care Alumni



**DEADLINE IS  
MAY 6, 2015**

Drop off **NEW** luggage



Drop off **NEW** luggage—preferably carry-on rolling duffels—with a FCA Champion.

Make a donation on [austincc.edu](http://austincc.edu)



Make a credit card donation online at *ACC Marketplace*. Go to [austincc.edu](http://austincc.edu) and select ACC Marketplace under *eServices*.

Make a donation in person



Make a cash, check, or credit card donation at any ACC Cashier Office.



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Drop off donated luggage at any campus champion's or campus police office



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# Are you “Aging Out” of Foster Care?

## Then get ready for college!

FREE college tuition



You may be able to get FREE tuition and fees at any public college or university

Access to advisors



You have FREE access to special advisors and counselors at Austin Community College

Special orientation



You can participate in ACC's FREE JumpStart Orientation to learn about resources like free tutoring.

Financial resources



You may be able to take advantage of other financial resources while you attend college.

Learn more at [austincc.edu/fca](http://austincc.edu/fca) or contact one of ACC's

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# Williamson County Community Ties 2015

## A Resource Fair -Hosted at

### Austin Community College-Cypress Creek Campus

Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 10 AM – 1 PM



### GET HELP....GIVE HELP

- Discover 20+ RESOURCES in your local community
- Learn how to access community resources
- Benefit from a multitude of educational, social, mental/medical health programs
- Identify how you can help in your community

**“TIE INTO YOUR COMMUNITY!!!”**

Official Campus Kick-Off for:  
Hill Country Community Ministries Food Drive

For More Information Contact:

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1555 Cypress Creek Rd., Cedar Park, TX 78613, Building 1000 Student Commons Area

# Response to Intervention presentation

March 26, 2015

Sponsored by Meadows Center of University of Texas



## Panelists starting from the left:

**Lisa Arronge**, High School Counselor  
Round Rock ISD

**Carol Huntley**, Transition Specialist  
Round Rock ISD

**Meagan LeLeux**, PAL Coordinator  
DFPS Region 7

**Loretta Edelen**, Community Outreach Director  
FCA Coordinator, Austin Community College



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**We Can Do This Together.**



# SEMESTER STUDENT DEMOGRAPHIC REPORT

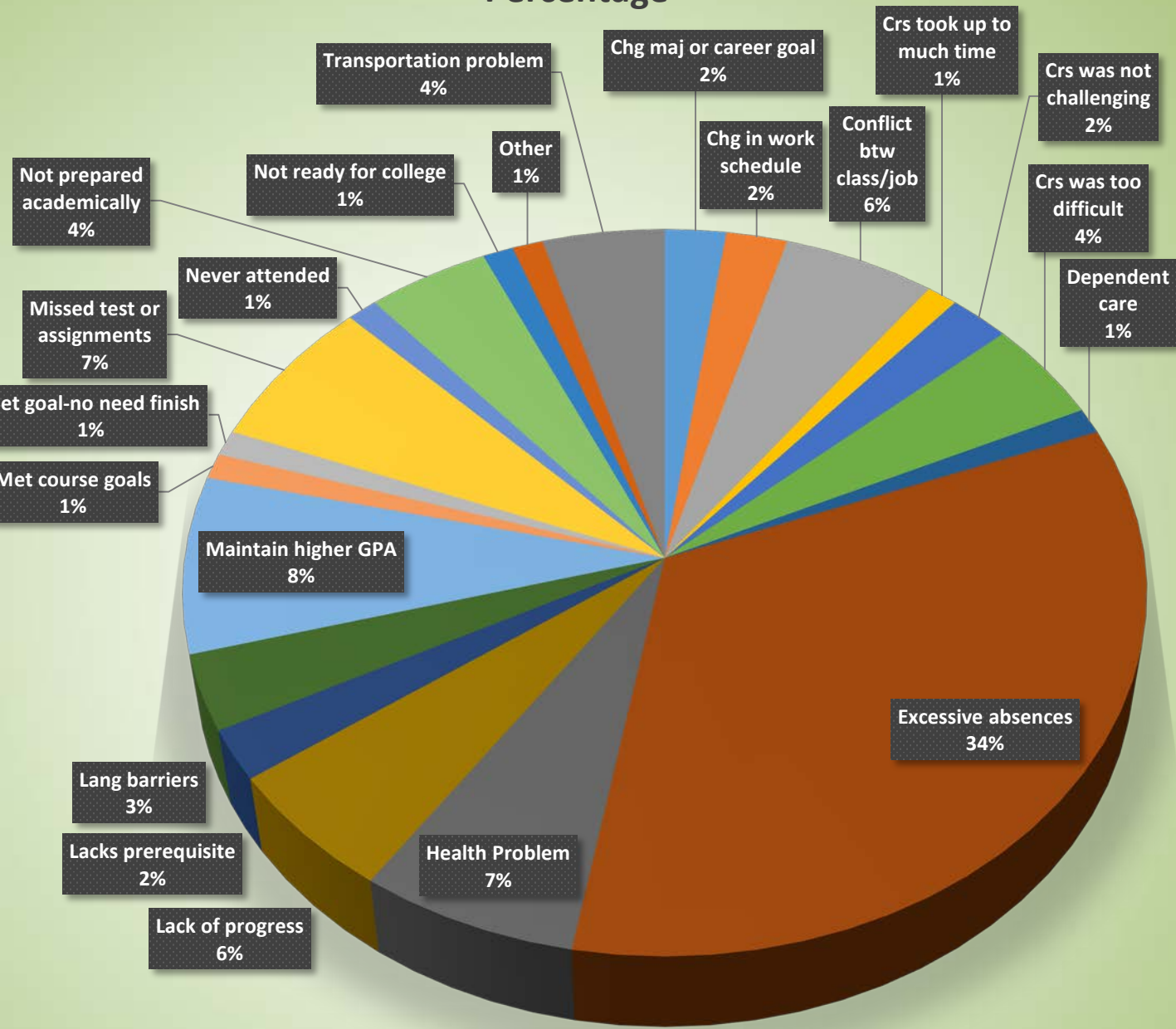
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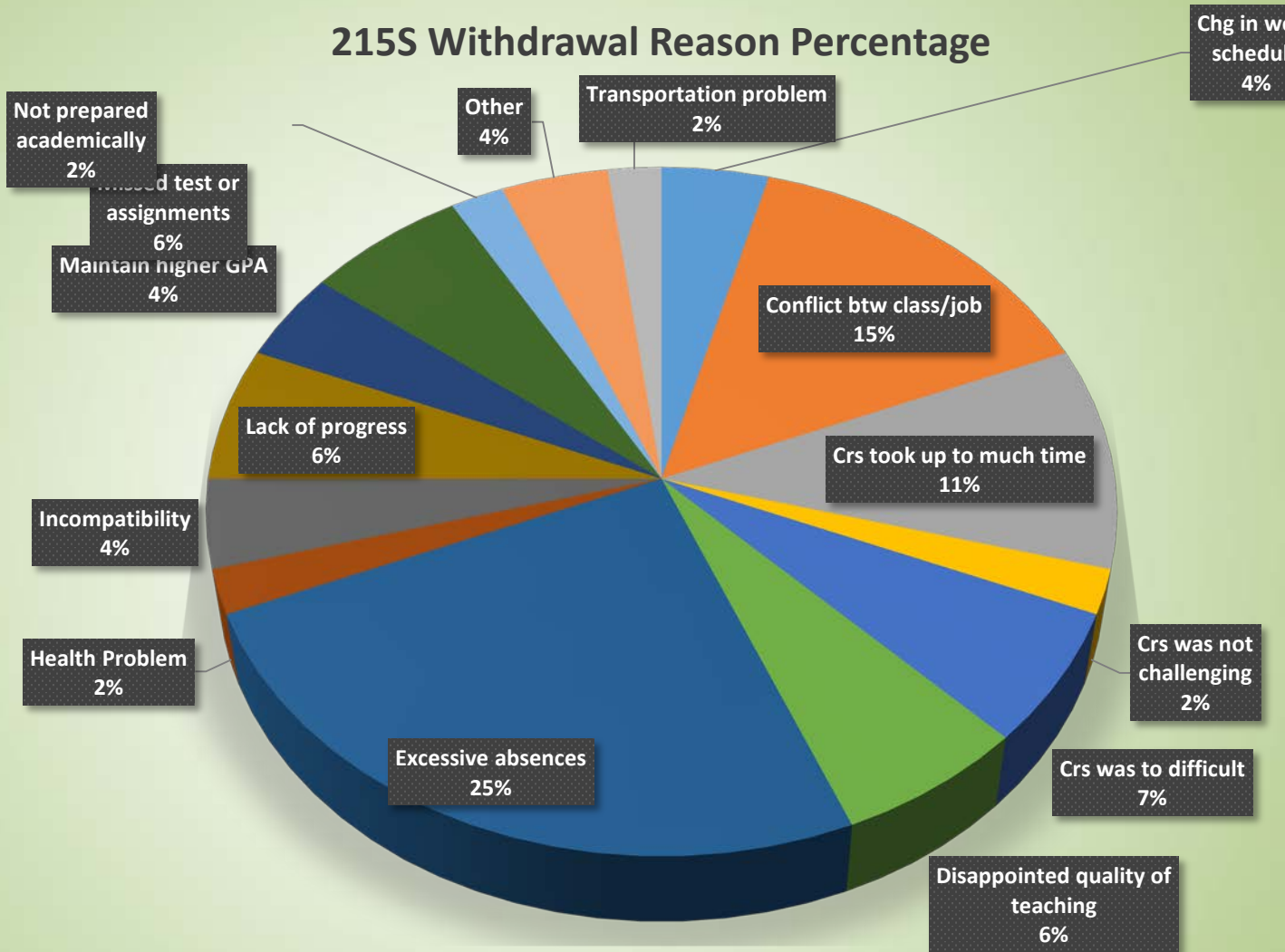
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				ADPT	6	DEVR-0320	3/30/2015	Crs took up too much time									
				FSTR	4	DEVR-0320	4/2/2015	Excessive absences									
				ADPT	9	GFOG-1302	4/27/2015	Incompatibility									
				FSTR	3	ITNW-1325	3/9/2015	Lack of Progress									
				FSTR	7	HPRS-1206	3/5/2015	Crs was too difficult									
				FSTR	4	MATH-1324	2/17/2015	Disappointed quality of teaching									
				FSTR	12	HUMA-1301	3/16/2015	Maintain higher GPA									
				FSTR	6	ENGL-1301	2/5/2015	Disappointed quality of teaching									
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				FSTR	4	DEVW-0330	4/7/2015	Excessive absences									
				FSTR	3	DEVR-0300	3/25/2015	Missed tests or assign	DEVW-0310	3/24/2015	Excessive absences	MATD-0421	3/26/2015	Excessive absences			
				FSTR	6	SPAN-1511	3/31/2015	Incompatibility									
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# 214F Withdrawal Reason Percentage



## 215S Withdrawal Reason Percentage





## **ACC FCA Work Study Mentorship Position Description**

### **Description**

Mentors work with community partners on the recruitment of foster care alumni to attend ACC. This may include but is not limited to: giving presentations to groups or individuals, hosting workshops, and working with the community outreach director on additional projects. Mentors assist with the enrollment process which includes college admission, financial aid, educational training voucher application, test prep, and health benefits. Mentors also keep accurate data and record keeping of the students they assist at their respective campuses. Mentors will also work with internal partners to identify additional resources for the alumni such as study groups.

Potential candidates MUST be available to serve on a part time basis (15 hours/week) and have reliable transportation. Mentors will be supervised by a Campus Champion.

### **Eligibility**

A FCA Mentor Work Study member must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. National or lawful permanent resident alien of the United States. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age with a minimum high school diploma or an equivalency certificate. Applicants must have and maintain a GPA of 2.5, a 67% completion rate, and have completed a minimum of 12 semester credit hours. Applicants are also required to take a minimum of 6 hours of ACC courses during each semester of employment. Due to the nature of working with youth, applicants must pass criminal background checks.

### **Benefits**

Potential applicants must commit to work a maximum of 15 hrs./week over nine months. Mentors will be paid \$10.50 an hour. We offer flexible working schedule, training and professional development.

### **Skills**

A commitment and dedication to service  
General knowledge of college admission and financial aid processes  
Willing to work with youth in diverse populations  
Ability to work with limited supervision, excellent communication skills, record and data keeping  
Willing to work some evenings and/or weekends  
Bilingual candidates are encouraged to apply  
Computer skills required

### **To Apply**

Contact either Financial Aid Supervisor:

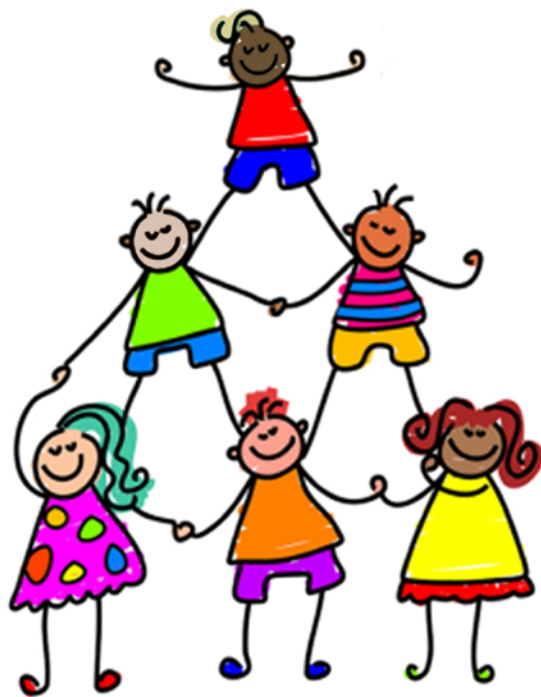
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