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Austin Community College

Foster Care Alumni

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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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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 9 campuses -- ACC Counselors who are specifically trained in the resources and needs of foster care alumni
- Peer Mentoring (Phi Theta Kappa and Foster Care Alumni Club)
- ACC Foster Care Alumni Club: LUV (Learning, Uniting, Volunteering) Club
- 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

Program Sponsors

- Austin Community College
- CASA of Travis County
- Casey Family Programs
- LifeWorks
- Department of Family & Protective Services (CPS)
- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society of ACC
- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board



Austin Community College | Foster Care Alumni Program (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 four-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

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

by Casey Family Programs, A Framework for Program Enhancement
version 2.0



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU

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.

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
- ★ www.orphan.org
- ★ www.fastweb.com
- ★ www.collegeboard.org
- ★ www.college.gov
- ★ www.collegefortexans.com
- ★ www.thecb.state.tx.us

Or look under Education at 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.

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

Source:
Texas Foster Care Handbook For Youth: ACCESS GRANTED
by Texas Department of Family Protective Services

**Campus Champions Meeting Agenda
March 21, 2013
HBC-Room 223
2:30pm – 4:30pm**

Welcome

FCA Data Summary Report by Noko Wilson

Update on Special Needs Discussion

FCA Brochure changes

JumpStart Orientation locations

TX Reach update

- **Sylvia – Resource Manual**

Mitte Grant update by Angelica Cancino and Ruth

Bank of America grant application

Luggage Drive

Next Meeting Dates:

- **APR: 04/18/13 @ 3pm, HBC 223**
- **MAY: 05/23/13 @ 3pm, HBC 223**

Updated 4/24/2013

Foster Care Alumni

Jump Start Orientation 2013

An Event for Foster Care and Foster Care Alumni Students



3 Day Workshop

July 24– 26

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Wed. & Thu.,

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Fri.

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
- Campus Tours
- Scavenger Hunt

Register for Jump Start Orientation

Phone:
(512) 223.5186

Online:
www.austincc.edu/fca

In person:

Pick up a registration form from the Community Outreach Department, ACC Eastview Campus, 3401 Webberville Rd., Austin, TX 78702

Fax:
(512) 223.5033

**Prize for perfect
attendance on all 3 days**



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

2013 Jump Start Orientation Agenda

Day One – July 24, 2013 RRC

Time	Event
9 a.m.	Meet at 221 in HBC
9:10 - 10:00 a.m.	Go to RRC and meet in room 2131
9:40 - 10:00 a.m.	Welcome and Breakfast
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Registration, Advising, Financial Aid
11:45- 12:30 p.m.	Tour/Scavenger Hunt
12:30 – 1 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Star Health Representatives + Meningitis
1:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Return to HBC 221

Day Two – July 25, 2013 NRG

9 a.m.	Meet in 221 in HBC
9:10 – 9:30 a.m.	Go to and meet in room TBA (Breakfast) Welcome and Icebreaker
9:35 – 10:30 a.m.	Financial Aid Presentation – with Frank Gutierrez– ACC Financial Aid Supervisor, NRG Courtney Jones – ETV + ACT money. Student - ETV
10:35 - 11:00 a.m.	Registration, IDs Green passes/ Games
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.	Mentor Introductions and Tour
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch with Fresh Chefs on Nutrition and Healthy Meals
12:45 – 1:30 p.m.	Presentation on Support Center with Angelica Cancino-Cox Office of Students with Disabilities with Dottie
1:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Return to HBC 221

Day Three – July 26, 2013 EVC

9 a.m.	Meet in 221 at HBC
9:10 – 9:45 a.m.	Go to and meet in room TBA (Breakfast)
9:45 – 10:10 a.m.	Icebreaker with Carlos Charles
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	What to Expect” with Lupe Mendoza-HUDE, Blackboard, MyMathLab, Tutoring Lab, and Learning Lab, Campus Champion and Student Life. Work Source representative and former Foster Care member,
11:15 – 12:45 p.m.	Mentor Introductions and Tour
12:45 – 1:30 p.m.	Career Explorations by Janie Wang
1:30 – 3:20 p.m.	Lunch with Kaycee Bruce on Virtual Lounge and Fun Activities
3:30 - 4 p.m.	Return to HBC 221

Updated 4/25/2013



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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Have Questions? We have answers!
Come meet the FCA Mentors, we're
here to help!



**Foster Care Alumni
Mentor Meet-Up**

Who: Foster Care Alumni students

When: Wednesday April 24, 12:30pm—2:00 pm

Where: Eastview Campus, Room 8125

What: Come and meet other Foster Care Alumni, and ACC
mentors. Choosing a Major? Come and talk with a career
counselor.

Lunch will be provided!



FCA RESOURCE DIRECTORY

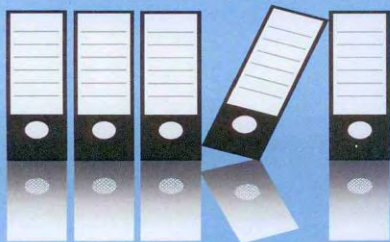


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HELP A STUDENT!



DONATE!

ACC Luggage Drive

Presented by the ACC Foster Care Program
Benefiting Foster Care Alumni

- **Drop off NEW luggage**
(preferably carry-on rolling duffels)
- **Make a credit card donation online**
at ACC Marketplace. Go to austincc.edu and
select ACC Marketplace under eServices
- **Make a cash, check, or credit card donation**
at any ACC Cashier Office.

Deadline is May 6, 2013

CONTACT YOUR FOSTER CARE PROGRAM CAMPUS CHAMPIONS:

Cypress	Eastview	Highland Business	Northridge	Pinnacle	Rio Grande	Riverside	Round Rock	South Austin	Service Center
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Or contact Loretta Edelen
Director, Community Outreach,
Eastview Campus at 223.5106

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 **AUSTIN
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**Williamson County Community Ties:
A Resource Fair -Hosted at
Austin Community College-Cypress Creek Campus
Wednesday, April 3, 10 AM – 1 PM**
(A PROJECT INITIATED BY THE CYPRESS CREEK COUNSELING TEAM)



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:
ACC Foster Care Alumni Program
Luggage Drive &
Hill Country Community
Ministries Food Drive



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



Best Practices – ACC Campus Champions



Moderator:

☀️ Loretta Edelen

**Presented by ACC
Champions:**

☀️ Sylvia Galvan Gonzalez

☀️ Chris Owens

☀️ Lee Reichardt

☀️ Ruth Rodriguez-Reinhart

and

**FCA Work Study /
Mentor**

☀️ KayCee Bruce



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ID	Gender	Age	FTC	GPA	Acad Standing	Attempted Credits	Completed Credits	Current Credit	Withdrawal Data - Official Reporting Dates: 16Wks: 01/30/13, 17Wks: 02/27/13, 1st-4Wks: 01/22/13, 2nd-4Wks: 02/25/13
	F	19		2.731	Good Standing	38	38	15	n/a
Student 1	M	19	Y	0	Early Alert	15	9	3	MATD:0330-099 (W)02/07/13; excessive absences, ENGL1301-169 (W)02/26/13; excessive absences
Student 2	M	20	N	0	*	6	0	0	071 (W)04/09/13; missed tests or assignments
Student 3	M	20		2.25	Early Probation	19	4	0	DEVR:0300-008 (W)02/20/13; other
Student 4	M	23		1.27	Suspension Alert	54	39	0	withdrew before the census date
Student 5	F	24		2.5	Good Standing	21	18	9	HIST:1301-075 (W)03/27/13; crs was too difficult
Student 6	F	19	N	0	*	0	21	9	n/a
Student 7	F	22		1.556	Good Standing	42	21	6	MATD:0330-085 (W)04/08/13; missed tests or assignments
Student 8	F	25		2.807	Good Standing	135	99	0	withdrew before the census date
Student 9	F	22		0.194	Probation Alert	57	26	6	n/a
Student 10	M	19	N	2	Good Standing	12	9	3	MATD:0330-043 (W)03/18/13; crs was not challenging
Student 11	M	19	N	2.5	Good Standing	9	6	6	n/a
Student 12	M	23		0	Early Alert	14	4	0	DEVR:0310-010 (W)02/21/13; other, MATD:0330-040 (W)03/18/13; excessive absences, HUDE:0111-017 (W)04/01/13; excessive absences
Student 13	M	20		1.333	Early Alert	9	12	3	n/a
Student 14	M	33		0	*	0	0	3	n/a
Student 15	F	26		3.491	Scholastic Excellenc	59	47	12	n/a
Student 16	F	20	Y	0	Warning	16	1	0	MATD:0370-078 (W)02/11/13; excessive absences
Student 17	M	24		1.884	Good Standing	64	40	0	withdrew before the census date
Student 18	M	21		0	*	6	6	6	MATD:0370-112 (W)01/31/13; missed test or assignments, KINE1304-005 (W)03/19/13; lack of progress
Student 19	F	22		1.8	Good Standing	33	30	9	n/a
Student 20	F	22		3	Early Probation	22	7	3	n/a
Student 21	M	21		2.429	Good Standing	16	7	3	DEVR:0320-024 (W)04/01/13; dis appointed quality of teaching
Student 22	M	21		2.769	Good Standing	22	10	0	DEVR:0330-005 (W)02/05/13; disciplinary action, MATD:0370-083 (W)02/05/13; disciplinary action
Student 23	F	21		2.304	Good Standing	26	20	3	SOCW:2361-004 (W)02/19/13; maintain high gpa
Student 24	M	18	Y	0	*	7	1	0	DEVR:0320-016 (W)02/13/13; excessive absences, MATD:0330-099 (W); crs was too difficult
Student 25	M	23	N	4	Early Probation	10	56	10	n/a
Student 26	F	20		1.5	Early Alert	6	6	6	n/a
Student 27	F	27		0	Good Standing	0	0	0	DEVR:0330-019 (W)04/03/13; excessive absences
Student 28	F	22	N	3.343	Good Standing	38	87	4	GOVT:2306-014 (W)01/30/13; dis appointed quality of teaching

FCA cumulative Data For Spring 2013

(5) Students withdrew before a census(es) date
 (32) Students withdrew after a census(es) date
 (2) Actively enrolled as of 16APR13 are CE Students
 (144) Actively enrolled as of 16APR13 are CC Students
 Total S13 enrollment: 183 (178)
 (82.2%) Current Total as of 16APR13: 146
 (17.8) of FCA completely withdrew

Green: Those who withdraw before census date.

Yellow: Those who withdraw after the census date.

Orange: Current credit hours

Peach: List of courses with withdrawal date and reason



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April 04, 2012

Dear :

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:

Champion	Campus	Phone Number	E-Mail Address
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Ruth Reinhart	South Austin	223-9158	rreinhar@austincc.edu
Bette Weakley	WorkSource South	381-4233	bweakley@austincc.edu

Through the Mitte Grant, you may be eligible for assistance with your books and supplies if you plan to take classes at ACC this summer. Please contact one of the Champions on the above list concerning your eligibility to receive assistance with your books and supplies for Summer 2012 classes at ACC.

We want to help you be successful.

Sincerely,

Loretta Edelen
Foster Care Alumni Coordinator
LE: pm

Join us for a School District Foster Care liaison lunch meeting to network and link with other partners in support of students in foster care.

School District Foster Care Liaison Lunch Meeting
Friday, November 30, 2012 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Austin Community College
Highland Business Center
5930 Middle Fiskville Road, Room #301 (third floor)
Austin, TX 78752

Program:

- Welcome – Austin Community College, Chair-Foster Care Advisory Committee
Kathleen E. Christensen, Vice President, Student Services
- Supreme Court Children’s Commission – Education Committee - Texas Blueprint Report
Tiffany Roper, Assistant Director, Children’s Commission
- School District Foster Care Liaison Introduction: (Laws & Practices that support foster youth)
Kelly Kravitz, Foster Care Education & Policy Coordinator, Texas Education Agency
- Credit Recovery and Transfer of Records:
Erica Brewington, Regional Educational Specialist for Region 7, Child Protective Services
- College Opportunities & Access: Texas Reach Conference, June 3-4, 2013:
Elaine Carter, Supervisor Prevention Services, Casey Family Programs
- Message from a Former Foster Youth:
Tym Belseth, Youth Specialist for Region 7, Child Protective Services
- Future Direction:
Edna Butts, Director, Intergovernmental Relations and Policy Oversight, Austin AISD

Sponsored by the ACC Foster Care Alumni Advisory Committee

RSVP: Peggy McClellan, 223-7053 or mmcclell@austincc.edu by Tuesday, November 27.

FCA Graduation Sash



We Can Do This Together.



What Are Your Best Practices?



Q & A
