California Community Colleges
FYSI Student Success Orientation Framework

Oftentimes foster youth are underprepared as they transition out of both high school and foster care into college. The gap in their repertoire of academic and social competencies provides an opportunity for the campus community to support them in the attainments of these skills.

The California Community Colleges recognized the need to prepare current and former foster youth as they begin their post-secondary educational journey. As a result, the FYSI Student Success Orientation Framework was created.

Using the student-centered approach, this framework prepares youth and young adults with a collection of tools to assist them in the attainment of both their educational and occupational goals. Focusing on the entire student with rich and integrated content strengthens the aptitude and ultimate success a youth from foster care can achieve as a college as a student. The content of this framework was created with the student’s needs in mind, and resulted in three categories listed below:

- Academics
- Occupational/Employability
- Personal Life Skills

The design of the FYSI Student Success Orientation Framework began with 10 modules evolved into 16. Each module is aligned with Secretaries Commission of Achieving Necessary Skills (SCANS) Competencies and Student Learning Outcomes.

While developing the Framework we learned from community colleges who are currently implementing similar content within 12 sessions that students were interested in continuing to participate. Frequent comments by students included, “can I retake this course? Can I volunteer or be TA for this class?” It was apparent that these sessions created a support system amongst the students within the campus community.

Thus, the FYSI Student Success Orientation Framework has been developed in such a way that any CCC can take, modify, and implement it to meet the needs of the diverse student population. Listed below are some additional options to explore when implementing the FYSI Student Success Orientation Framework.

- Credit/Non-credit PD 40
- Duration of a semester
- Enhancing already existing programs
- Summer Bridge programs

Additionally, a FYSI Student Success Orientation Student Handbook will be provided for students to use as an interactive guide in navigating the college campus along with useful tools and resources.

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