

What if my student does not want to participate in tutoring? Students in foster care often suffer trauma and the effects of past abuse and neglect. It is important to encourage and discuss their feelings to participate in this program. However, if they do not want to participate please notify FYS Tutoring via email or phone.

Can I fill out a referral for a student who is not in foster care? This program is only available to students in foster care or on probation in a suitable placement. Please contact the student's school district or school counselor for other academic support programs available in your community.

How is the program paid for? The Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program is funded through a grant issued via the California Department of Education (CDE). There is a limited amount of funding available each year.

If there are any other questions or issues not addressed in this brochure please contact FYS Tutoring

FYS_Tutoring@lacoedu

562-922-6161

Tutor Information

Name of Company: _____

Phone Number: _____

Tutor Name: _____

Why Focus on Foster Care and Education?

For the more than 20,000 school aged children and youth in foster care (or on probation in group homes) each year in Los Angeles County, a quality education is vital. As a road map for future success, education can potentially serve as a positive counterweight to abuse, neglect, separation, and instability.

Unfortunately, for children and youth in foster care, a change in home placement frequently results in a change in school placement. The educational impact of every school change is significant, sometimes resulting in a loss of over a semester worth of learning.

Positive and stable school experiences enhance a child's well-being, support their successful transition to adulthood, and increase their chances for personal fulfillment and economic self-sufficiency, as well as their ability to contribute to society.

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Funding for Academic Support Services can **ONLY** be used for students living within Los Angeles County who are between the ages of 4-21 and have an OPEN DCFS/Dependency court case OR an OPEN Probation/Delinquency court case, living in a suitable placement.

- **Services are based on need and availability of funding. Priority is given to students in out of home placement**
- **Services are for students who are behind in grade level work, struggling to pass classes, and are interested and available to receive services.**

REFERRAL PROCEDURES

- **Prior to submitting an online referral, please contact the student's school to inquire about any available tutoring services they may be able to provide.** If academic support is not available or does not meet the student's needs, you may submit an online referral to LACOE-FYSCP:

<https://www.lacoe.edu/tutoringreferral>

ONCE REFERRAL IS SUBMITTED

The timeline to process and assign the referral varies. Priority is given to students in out of home placements.

- Referral is processed by FYS Tutoring and assigned to a contracted tutoring company
- Tutoring company should make contact with caregiver within 5 days of receiving referral from FYS Tutoring
- Services should begin within 2 weeks of referral being received by tutoring company

ACADEMIC SUPPORT DETAILS

- In-home, trauma-informed, one-on-one, academic support and homework help
- An adult needs to be present at all times
- No session to exceed 2 hours with a maximum of 10 hours a week
- Duration of session should factor in student's age and level of focus
- Based on funding, students may be eligible to receive up to 20 hours of academic support, which may end prior to June 30th
- To measure academic growth, the first session is reserved for the pre-test and last sessions for the post-test

STUDENT MAY BE DROPPED FROM PROGRAM IF:

- The tutor is unable to schedule a session after **three** attempts to contact the caregiver
- The student or caregiver has declined services
- Two consecutive missed sessions
- Other issues that prevent the tutor from providing services

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are services only provided in certain areas?

Services are provided to all geographic regions in Los Angeles County.

How can I refer a student in foster care?

Please refer to the "Referral Procedures" section of this brochure. Before making a referral, speak to the student and caregiver regarding their willingness to participate. Oftentimes caregivers are unaware that a referral has been made.

Can services continue when there is a change of placement?

Yes. If you are aware of a placement change, please notify us at 562-922-6161 or FYS_Tutoring@lacoe.edu.

It has been 3 weeks since a referral was submitted, and the student referred is not yet receiving services. What should I do?

Please contact FYS Tutoring to request an update at 562-922-6161 or FYS_Tutoring@lacoe.edu.

The tutor has stopped coming, is often late, or has cancelled many sessions. What should I do?

Please report any issues with services to FYS-Tutoring so we can follow up with the tutoring company and take appropriate actions, as necessary.

What do I do if my student is ill the day of their scheduled session?

Please contact the student's tutor (NOT FYS Tutoring) as soon as possible to reschedule the session.

Do I have to be present or stay at home during the sessions?

Yes, one of the requirements to participate in this program is that the caregiver or a designated adult is always present during the sessions.