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# **CAMPUS PEER NAVIGATION PROGRAM**

#### What is CRCD?

• CRCD is a community based non-profit organization committed to improving the quality of life in South LA's Vernon-Central neighborhoods. The organization is youth-centered with a comprehensive approach to serving young people with housing, education, employment, and other supportive service needs.

#### What is a Campus Peer Navigator (CPN)?

The Campus Peer Navigator (CPN) supports college students who are experiencing
homelessness or are at-risk of becoming homeless and provides linkage to students
who are accessing services and resources through CRCD and other community
partner organizations to end their housing crisis. Moreover, CPN will refer
homeless students into the Coordinated Entry System (CES) to streamline fair and
equal access to other housing support services.

### The Goals of the CPN Program:

- The objective of a Campus Peer Navigator is to co-locate in local community college campuses to minimize barriers for students to access community resources and facilitate enrollment in the Coordinated Entry System (CES) for housing assistance.
- Improving linkages between higher education and homeless services across Los Angeles County.
- Assist youth by providing internal referrals to appropriate CRCD programs and external resources to successfully navigate limited problem-solving financial assistance funds and avoid homelessness episodes.
- Create a streamlined referral process, increase communication, and build stronger community partnerships between education services and community partners.

### Forms of CPN Program Support:

• CPN can advocate and refer students to access Problem-Solving Assistance Funds. Problem-Solving Assistance Funds (PSAF) is *a limited financial assistance service that* is a one-time housing intervention used to identify an immediate and safe housing alternative within a network of family, friends, and social supports outside of YCES/CES.

#### **Examples of potential PSAF include:**

- Security DepositsRental Assistance
- Emergency Housing Assistance
   Utility Assistance
   Grocery/Gas cards
   Employment Services