

Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program

Legislation: California *Education Code (EC)* sections 42920–42926

Website: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/fy/>

2019-20 Funding

- \$25,970,150: Allocated to 57 Foster Youth Services Coordinating Programs (FYSCPs). Alpine county does not have any foster youth.
- \$1,366,850: Allocated to a FYSCP Technical Assistance Provider (TAPs) who works with the California Department of Education (CDE).
- \$140,000 and 1.0 permanent position: Allocated to the CDE to support the implementation of the Assembly Bill 2083: Trauma Informed System of Care– Foster Youth.

Overview

The FYSCP was established in 2015 by Assembly Bill 854, which was sponsored by Assemblyperson Weber. It provided a structure for county child welfare, education, and probation agencies to communicate, share data, and coordinate services for foster youth. Each FYSCP coordinator develops and implements an FYSCP plan, with county agencies and community groups. To do this, the FYSCP coordinators are required to create a local interagency Executive Advisory Council (EAC). Each county, through its EAC is able to address the needs of its foster youth and braid services and resources to eliminate redundancies of service and provide more effective, comprehensive services. Each COE FYSCP plan must also address how the FYSCP will support the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) process at both the district and county level. One condition of receiving the FYSCP funds is that these relationships and resource sharing procedures are articulated in memoranda of understanding or letters of agreement to describe how the EAC will collaborate to provide resources and services and develop a school-based infrastructure that will ensure educational stability and improved educational outcomes for foster youth.

The legislation also provides support for an FYSCP Technical Assistance Provider (TAP). The FYSCP TAP provides guidance to county FYSCP coordinators concerning current legislation, model programs, and best-practices. The FYSCP TAP also leads continuous program monitoring and improvement, primarily through data resources at the state and county level. As a member of California's statewide system of support, the FYSCP TAP shares current foster youth trends with other members. Currently, the Los Angeles County Office of Education, in partnership with the Sacramento County Office

of Education, serves as the FYSCP TAP. They have scheduled local and statewide fall and spring meetings with the county coordinators which will be focusing on using the system of support to help the 111 local educational agencies eligible for differentiated assistance due to foster youth outcomes. They will also focus on supporting counties as they improve their data systems to be able to measure school stability and mobility.

Meetings, Coaching, and Technical Assistance

- The CDE has a conference call with the FYSCP TAP monthly.
- FYSCP coordinator meetings are organized by the FYSCP TAPs. Coordinators must attend at least one statewide face-to-face meeting each year. The meetings include:
 - Monthly one to two hour informational webinars.
 - Local meetings by geographic area hosted by a COE.
 - Twice a year day long face-to-face statewide meetings.
- Coaching is provided by the TAP.
- Technical assistance is provided by both the CDE and the TAP.

Conferences: The California Foster Youth Education Task Force hosts an annual two day education summit that most FYSCP coordinators attend.

Legislative Report and Partnerships

- The CDE combines data from the FYSCPs, California Department of Social Services, and CDE to provide a report to the Legislature on even numbered years.
- The CDE and the California Foster Youth Education Task Force publishes a notice of the educational rights of foster children.
- The federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that the state and LEAs support school stability for foster youth. ESSA specifies the responsibilities of both the state and the LEA.
- By June 1, 2019, the CDE, along with the Department of Health and Human Services, is responsible for establishing an Interagency Leadership Team and a Joint Interagency Resolution Team to assist counties and agencies as they set up the roles and responsibilities to support children and youth in foster service who have experienced severe trauma.
- The CDE and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) have worked together to develop a universal data sharing agreement, collaborate on the CDSS' Dashboard data web page, and revise policy documents which address foster youth care to better integrate social services with education services.