

Child Advocates of Contra Costa County

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2151 Salvio Street #295
Concord, CA 94520

Agency Profile

Through our Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program, trained volunteers advocate for foster youth—ensuring their needs are met and helping them access the resources to thrive. We recruit, train, and support volunteers for both the CASA and Tutor programs.

Mission Statement

Our mission at Child Advocates of Contra Costa County is to provide programs and support for abused and neglected children in foster care to help every child find a permanent home and complete their education.

Key Services Offered

- CASA volunteer advocates
- Trauma-informed tutoring
- Reproductive health information

Who to Refer

Foster youth in grades K-12 who want tutoring can be referred for a 1:1 match with a qualified tutor. CASA referrals are made only by court appointment.

How to Refer

Referral form shared within this network or email. Do not include any child's name or identifying information in your email. The Tutor Coordinator will follow up with you to gather details.

Contra Costa College

Contact Information

FYEA Member:

Adam del Castillo

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(510) 215-3905

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adelcastillo511@email.4cd.edu

Agency Hours:

Monday-Thursday, 9am-1pm

Website:

<https://www.contracosta.edu/student-support/foster-youth-nextup/>



2600 Mission Bell Drive
San Pablo, CA 94806

Agency Profile

Oversees campus program, NextUp, which supports current and former foster youth in pursuing their college education. A variety of support services are provided to help students focus on their studies. Eligible students are those who were in foster care between the ages of 13 and 26 and are not older than 26 at the start of the school year (July 1).

Mission Statement

NextUp supports our current and former foster youth students at CCC. Supportive services are provided to students with the support to efficiently navigate the college and resources. We can assist with book, grocery, transportation vouchers, grants, and more for all qualified students.

Key Services Offered

- Academic counseling
- Grants for school
- Transportation
- Priority registration
- Personal counseling
- Items such as laptops, books and food

Who to Refer

Current and Former Foster Youth who are interested in attending college.

How to Refer

Email, phone and in-person visits.

Contra Costa County Children and Family Services

Contact Information

FYEA Member:

Priya Moorkoth Phelps

Phone Number:

(925) 655-0286

Email:

moorkp@ehsd.ccounty.us

Agency Hours:

Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm

Website:

<https://ehsd.org/>



500 Ellinwood Way
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Agency Profile

Child Protective Services (CPS) is the primary system for addressing child abuse and neglect in California. Under existing law, CPS provides services to abused and neglected children and their families. The goal of CPS is to keep children safely in their own homes whenever possible. When a child is at risk and remaining at home is not safe, CPS works to develop an alternative plan as quickly as possible.

Mission Statement

Employment and Human Services (EHSD) partners with the community to deliver quality services to ensure access to resources that support, protect, and empower individuals and families to achieve self-sufficiency.

Key Services Offered

- Assessment of child abuse/neglect
- Crisis intervention
- Placement, kinship, family reunification services
- Referrals for community supports
- Adoption services

Who to Refer

Any child suspected to be in danger due to abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

How to Refer

Call 24-hour, seven-day a week
Hotline Toll Free at 1-(877) 881-1116

Contra Costa Foster Friends

Contact Information

FYEA Member:

Claudia Mercier

Phone Number:

(925) 496-7743

Email:

ccfosterfriends@gmail.com

Agency Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 10am-2pm

Website:

Ccfosterfriends.org



367 Civic Drive #7
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Agency Profile

Provides essential items and comprehensive support to foster children and their caregivers in Contra Costa County.

Mission Statement

Ensures foster youth are well provided and cared for during their time in care.

Key Services Offered

- Resource center with essential items
- Four annual social events
- Monthly support group
- Funding to pay for extracurricular activities
- Facebook group for caregivers

Who to Refer

Foster families, Social Workers, CASA's, parent and youth partners.

How to Refer

New clients can come to the Center during any open hours and register on-site.

Contra Costa County Office of Education - Youth Services

Contact Information

FYEA Member:

Alejandra Chamberlain

Phone Number:

(925) 942-3308

Email:

AChamberlain@cccoe.k12.ca.us

Agency Hours:

Monday-Friday, 8am to 4:30pm

Website:

<https://www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/Departments--Schools/Departments/Student-Programs/Youth-Services-YS/>

Agency Profile

The CCCOE Youth Services Department provides programs and resources to assist foster, unhoused and juvenile justice youth stay in school, find a job and build a future.

Mission Statement

Youth Services helps young people navigate life's challenges and supports them in achieving their dreams through staying in school, entering the workforce, and building independence.



77 Santa Barbara Road
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Key Services Offered

- Educational case management
- Professional development for support staff
- Career exploration
- Paid work experience
- Transportation
- Enrollment assistance
- Educational records

Who to Refer

Foster, unhoused and juvenile justice youth; district staff

How to Refer

For general questions, call the main line. To refer a youth to a Workforce program, complete the following form:

https://forms.office.com/r/XwAc0iQZLq_

Contra Costa County Probation Department

Contact Information

FYEA Member:

Marina Kisselva-Cercone

Phone Number:

(925) 723-2602

Email:

marina.kisseleva-cercone@prob.cccounty.us

Agency Hours:

Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm

Website:

<https://contracostaprobatation.ca.gov/>



50 Douglas Drive, Suite 200
Martinez, CA 94553

Agency Profile

Contra Costa County Probation Department is dedicated to work with youth placed in foster care by the delinquency court to address needs and risk factors in therapeutic and supportive environment.

Mission Statement

An unwavering commitment to justice, even in the face of adversity, an ethical application of the law, and a proven approach to rehabilitation.

Key Services Offered

- Supervision post placement
- Connection to local resources for continued support.

Who to Refer

Delinquency court.

How to Refer

N/A

Contra Costa County Public Defender's Office (CCPD)

Contact Information

FYEA Member:

Raul Arroyo-Mendoza

Phone Number:

(415) 483-1553

Email:

Raul.Arroyo-Mendoza@pd.cccounty.us

Agency Hours:

Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm

Website:

<https://www.cocopublicdefenders.org/>



2020 North Broadway, Suite 208
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Agency Profile

CCPD represents a number of youth who are placed in foster care by the juvenile court. We advocate on behalf of our clients to ensure their rights as foster youth are protected. Once they turn 18, we advocate to preserve their AB 12 benefits: housing, financial assistance, and health insurance.

Mission Statement

CCPD provides constitutionally mandated representation to indigent individuals charged in adult and juvenile criminal court in Contra Costa County. We have a number of specialty areas that address issues our clients face related to their criminal cases. CCPD is recognized throughout the state for providing vigorous advocacy and holistic, client-centered representation.

Key Services Offered

- Direct representation in juvenile court proceedings and administrative proceedings related to public benefits
- Record sealing for records related to juvenile arrest.

Who to Refer

Any person who is interested in sealing their Contra Costa County juvenile record, which could include a police report related to a prior arrest in Contra Costa County, even if no charges were filed.

How to Refer

By email to Raul.Arroyo-Mendoza@pd.cccounty.us

Diablo Valley College

Contact Information

FYEA Member:

Andrea Bell

Phone Number:

(925) 969-2217

Email:

abell@dvc.edu

Agency Hours:

Monday-Friday, 9am to 4pm

Website:

<https://www.dvc.edu/student-services/eopscare-calworks-foster-youth-services>



321 Golf Club Road
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Agency Profile

DVC supports students with the college enrollment and onboarding process, including connecting them with a counselor, assisting with FAFSA and Chafee applications, and helping them access campus resources such as Disability Support Services, Financial Aid, and other student support programs.

Mission Statement

START+NextUp provides a warm and welcoming environment, creates a support network, and empowers foster youth students to make progress toward self-sufficiency, professional success, and community leadership.

Key Services Offered

- Home-base community on campus.
- Wrap-around support from enrollment to graduation
- Recognition and celebration of educational milestones
- SWAG kits
- Graduation regalia

Who to Refer

Foster youth looking to enroll into college/DVC.

How to Refer

Email referrals to start@dvc.edu.

Independent Living Skills

Contact Information

FYEA Member:

Don Graves

Phone Number:

(866) 994-4577

Email:

dgraves@ehsd.cccounty.us

Agency Hours:

Monday-Friday, 9am to 5pm

Website:

www.cocoilsp.org



1875 Arnold Drive, Suite 200
Martinez, Pleasant Hill, CA 94553

Agency Profile

The Independent Living Skills Program (ILSP) supports foster youth ages 16–21 in preparing for adulthood and independence. The Youth Center includes classrooms, a computer lab, a library, a clothing closet, a kitchen for cooking classes, and an emergency pantry with hygiene supplies. The center offers a safe, welcoming “home away from home” for youth as they transition to self-sufficiency.

Mission Statement

Our vision is to move every youth from stagnation to motivation; from limitations to possibilities; from dependency to self-sufficiency; from the past to the future.

Key Services Offered

- Life Skills workshops: money management, cooking, nutrition and self-care
- Education and career assistance
- Housing and transportation assistance
- Personal development

Who to Refer

Youth ages 16–21 who were in foster care or out-of-home placement between ages 16–19, as well as former dependents who entered a kinship or non-related legal guardianship after age 8.

How to Refer

Social workers refer youth to ILSP by completing the CCC ILSP Referral Form.

Los Medanos College

Contact Information

FYEA Member:

Nicole Gomes

Phone Number:

(925) 473-7480

Email:

ngomes@losmedanos.edu

Agency Hours:

Monday-Friday, 9am to 5pm, Friday 9am-1pm

Website:

<https://www.dvc.edu/student-services/eopscare-calworks-foster-youth-services>



2700 E Leland Road
Pittsburg, CA 94565

Agency Profile

LMC supports students on navigating Community College- dedicated staff and counselors to support student success

Mission Statement

Your Support System for College Success! The Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOPS) is here to help you succeed. If you're a low-income, first-generation, or educationally disadvantaged student, we provide the resources and support you need to thrive in college.

Key Services Offered

- Holistic and supportive environment for our current and former foster youth students.
- Open, understanding, and structured program to help students achieve academic, career and personal goals.

Who to Refer

Any student wanting to connect to higher education.

How to Refer

By email or warm hand-off.

Regional Center of the East Bay

Contact Information

FYEA Member:

Elvia Osorio-Rodriguez

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(510) 618-6100

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EORodriguez@rceb.org or
LMeninger@rceb.org

Agency Hours:

Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm

Website:

RCEB.org



500 Davis Street, Suite 100
San Leandro, CA 94577

Agency Profile

RCEB case management supports children in foster care by providing school supports, collaboration and partner with many agencies and resources to assist our community.

Mission Statement

RCEB supports persons with developmental disabilities and their families with the tools needed to achieve lives of quality and satisfaction and builds partnerships that result in inclusive communities.

Key Services Offered

- Case Management
- School supports
- Navigation of systems for inclusion ie: social recreational activities.

Who to Refer

School aged children with a development disability.

How to Refer

By contacting our Intake and Assessments Department at 510-618-6100.

Workforce Development Board

Contact Information

FYEA Member:

Noramah Burch

Phone Number:

(925) 655-3800

Email:

nburch@ehsd.cccounty.us

Agency Hours:

Monday-Friday, 8:30am to 5pm

Website:

www.wdbccc.com



4071 Port Chicago HWY, Ste 200
Concord, CA 94520

Agency Profile

The Workforce Development Board administers and distributes WIOA Youth Program funds and develops and funds multiple workforce development projects and career pathways. Current and Former Foster Youth are a priority population. Direct services are provided through a network of partner agencies.

Mission Statement

The WDBCCC creates and promotes dynamic education systems, high-performing businesses, and a prosperous local economy with an abundance of high-quality jobs and skilled workers to fill them.

Key Services Offered

- Career assessment, planning
- Paid work experience
- Incentives for meeting educational and employment goals
- Tuition assistance for career training
- Job search assistance and informational interviews

Who to Refer

Youth ages 16 -24 with one or more barriers: pregnant/parenting;, current and former foster youth, justice-involved; individuals with a disability, English language learners, homeless, high school dropouts.

How to Refer

<https://www.wdbccc.com/americas-job-centers-of-california-eastbay-works/>

District Support

District	FYEA Member/Liaison	Enrollment	Tutoring?
Antioch Unified	Barbara Aguilar (925) 779-7500 x534302 barbaraaguilar@antiochschools.net	www.antiochschools.net/page/ausd-enrollment	Yes
Brentwood Union Elementary	Angela Mullen (925) 525-7847 amullen@brentwood.k12.ca.us	www.antiochschools.net/page/ausd-enrollment	Yes
Byron Union Elementary	Kelly Mackey (925) 809-7500 kmackey@byron.k12.ca.us	www.byronunionschooldistrict.us/page/enrollment	No
Liberty Union High	Monica Johnson (925) 925-624-2166 x2062 johnsonm@luhsd.net	www.luhdsd.net/online-enrollment/online-enrollment	Yes
Martinez Unified	Yadira Zapata (925) 335-5966 yzapata@martinez.k12.ca.us	www.martinezusd.net/registration	Yes
Mt. Diablo Unified	Rosie Reid (925) 682-1011 x62042 reid@mdusd.org	www.mdusd.org/families/enrollmentservices/enrollnow/25-26enrollment	No
Oakley Union Elementary	Natalie Savage Wilson (925) 625-6583 x4054 nwilson@ouesd.k12.ca.us	www.ouesd.k12.ca.us/page/enrollment-and-registration	Yes
Pittsburg Unified	Valarie Bell-Sanders (925) 473-2300 x3150 vsanders@pittsburgusd.net	pittsburgusd.net/Departments/Student-Services/Student-Services-Home/Online-Student-Registration/	
West Contra Costa Unified	Julie Luera (510) 307-4508 jluera@wccusd.net	www.ouesd.k12.ca.us/page/enrollment-and-registration	Yes