

## Foster Youth Services



A program designed to serve the unique educational needs of foster children within the Mt. Diablo Unified School District

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All children need love and encouragement

### Foster Youth Services Provides

Foster Youth Services provides support and services for students living in out-of-home placements made through Contra Costa County's Department of Child and Family Services. Foster Youth Services helps schools to obtain student records, educational background and placement information, information about who holds educational rights for the student, and information about the student's strengths, interests, and talents.

### Rights of Foster Youth

In accordance with AB490 (2004), foster youth should be immediately enrolled in school even if they lack the documentation normally required at enrollment, such as immunizations or immunization records, birth certificates, proof of residency, transcripts, etc. Schools are strongly encouraged to notify MDUSD Foster Youth Services so they can provide appropriate support and information, including assistance obtaining records.

### Tutoring/Mentoring

Foster Youth Services provides mentoring within academic tutoring relationships— at school and in foster homes. Foster Youth Services tutoring efforts have paid off at the average rate of 3.2 months of increase in academic growth for every one month of tutoring/mentoring provided (2005).

### Counseling in School Adjustment

Traumatic histories of abuse and neglect compounded by frequent changes in foster care placements contribute to a high incidence of maladaptive behavior exhibited in the classroom and school setting. Counseling and case management is provided by a Foster Youth Services school social worker or social work intern. Foster Youth Services staff often help to reduce mobility and stabilize placements by providing consultation to foster parents, group home staff, and school personnel. When available, Foster Youth Services staff attends IEPs, SSTs, and discipline hearings.

Foster Children, as a group, function at a lower academic level, are less likely to graduate from high school, and have lower self-esteem than other children.

The MDUSD Foster Youth Services staff improves the educational performance and well being of our district's foster youth. We accomplish this by collaborating with caretakers, placement workers and school personnel.